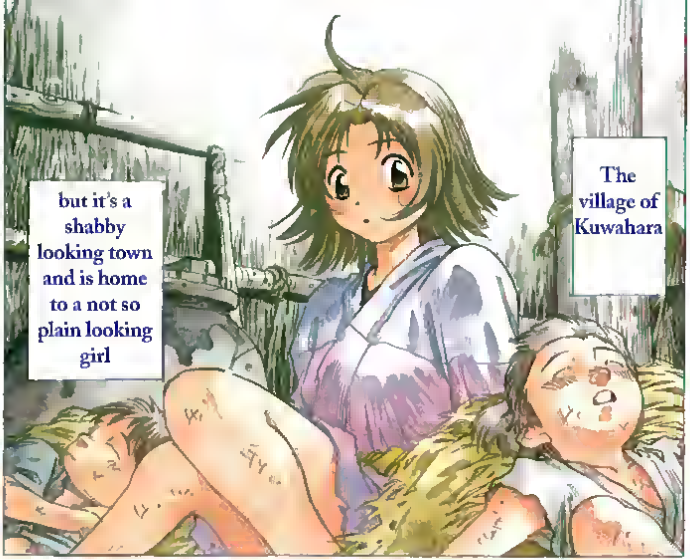

The village of Kuwahara
but it's a shabby looking town and is home to a not so plain looking girl

Honey .....
we can get rid of a mouth to feed .....
we can revolt or

We'll starve to death if we give our only good rice to the Lord
This year isn't anygood either

leaving every-thign behind
She doesn't feel all that bad
Alright

人形鬼話その四

「傀儡師、殿様を操るの縁」

*Puppet Master, Manipulating the Lord

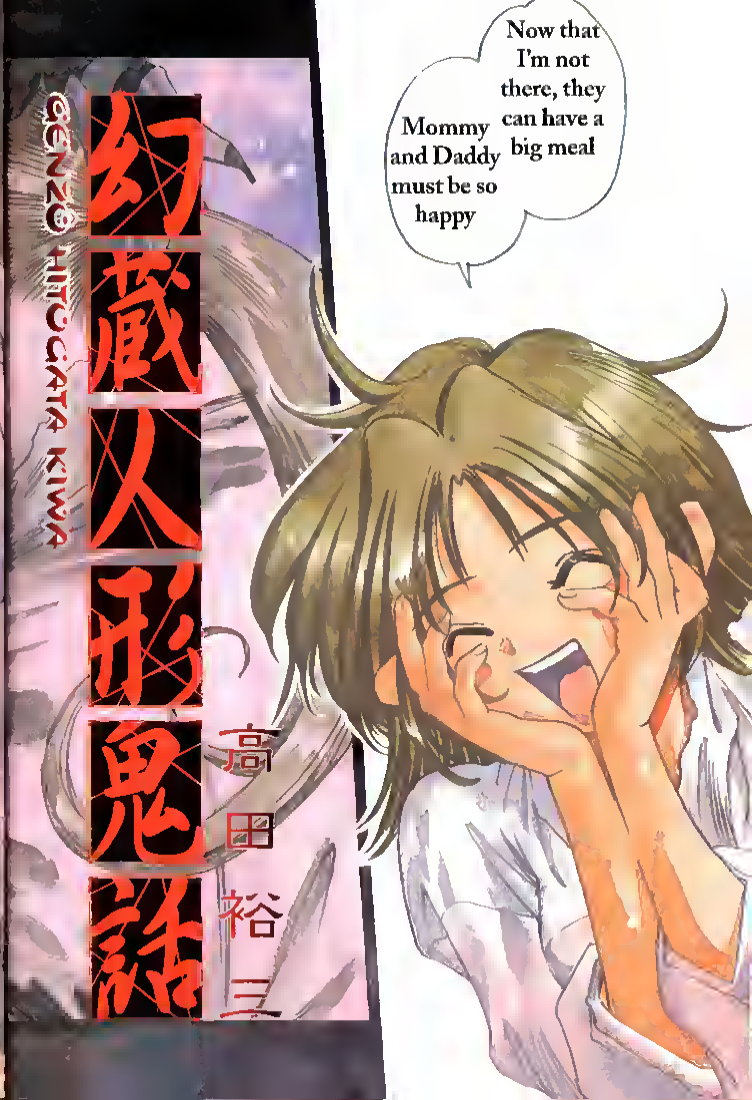
幻蔵人形鬼話

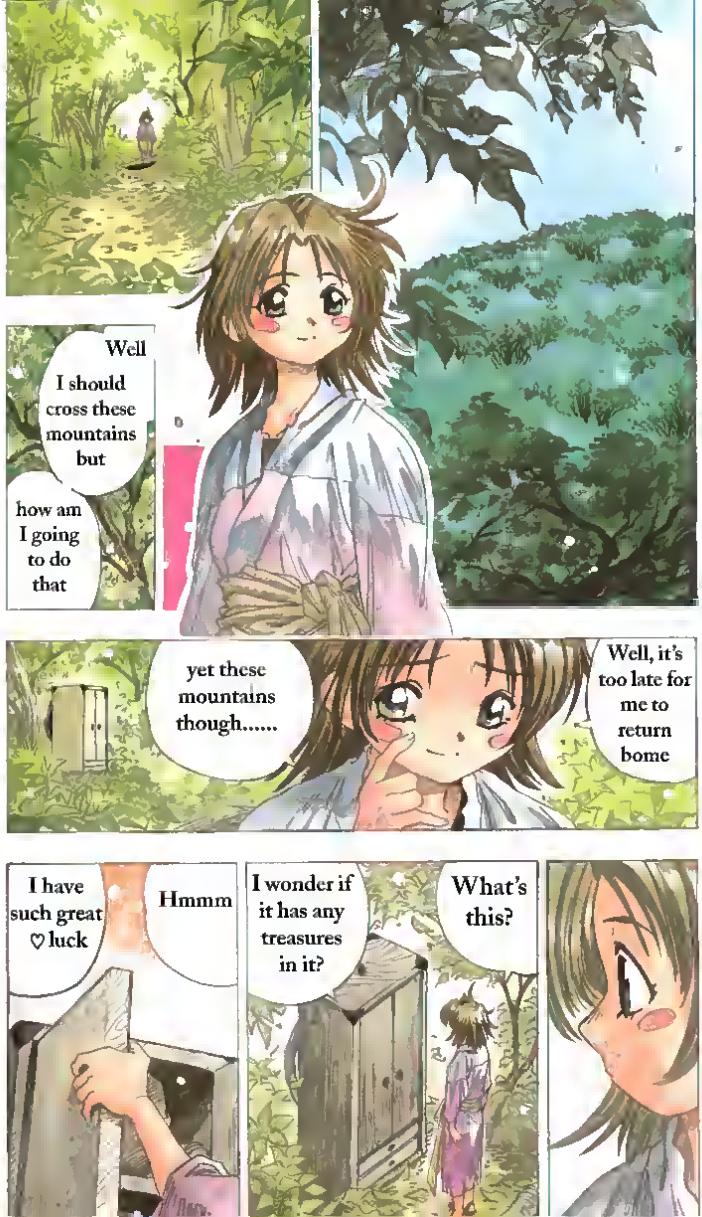
GENZO NINGYO KIWA

高田裕三

Now that I'm not there, they can have a big meal

Mommy and Daddy must be so happy




Well
I should cross these mountains but
how am I going to do that
yet these mountains though.....
Well, it's too late for me to return bome
I have such great ♡ luck
Hmmm
I wonder if it has any treasures in it?
What's this?

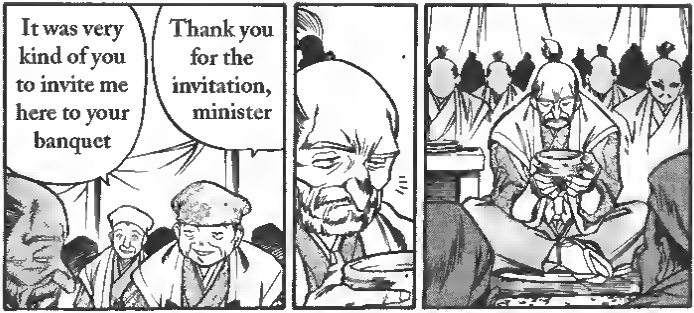
!?
What are you doing?
You ll lose your life if you see things you're not supposed to

Someone help me!!
It was a severed head!!
Someone
Fuu
Just as I thought, this mountain is a scary place .....
Wha
He was just standing around waiting
He shouldn't beable to get me down here
There is a castle town around here but I wouldn't beable to buy anything
anywhere is better than here though .....

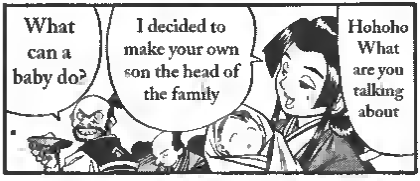
This samurai must've fallen off the cliff
.....
This is truely a scary place

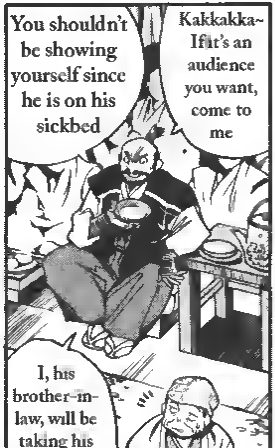
I wonder what the last thing he saw was
.....
huh

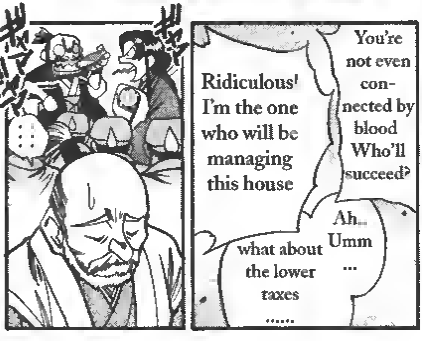
I already told you
If you want to keep on living the things you saw
!?
impos-sible .....
This family crest .....
Completely forget every-thing you saw and return home
forget them in order to be happy in this world
I can do whatever I want
return home?
I'm free now


It was very kind of you to invite me here to your banquet
Thank you for the invitation, minister

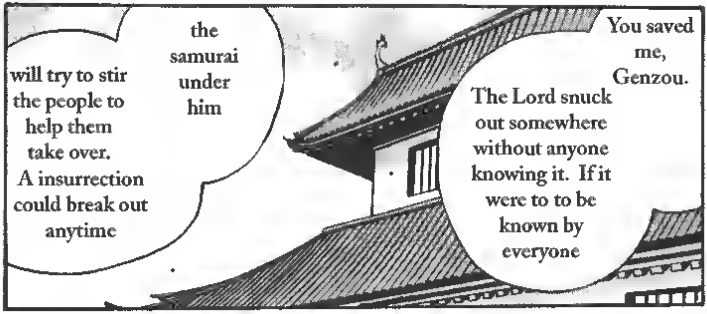
Our health has gotten bad and when we requested an audience ...
We came here to request lower taxes
But we, tenant farmers, have been getting sad crops this year


What can a baby do?
I decided to make your own son the head of the family
Hohoho What are you talking about


You shouldn't be showing yourself since he is on his sickbed
Kakkakka~ If it's an audience you want, come to me
I, his brother-in-law, will be taking his place next month

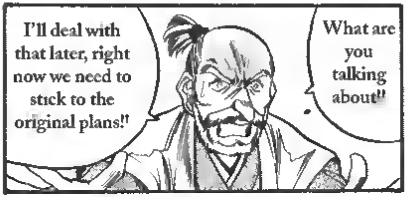

ギャマーン
Ridiculous! I'm the one who will be managing this house
You're not even connected by blood Who'll succeed?
Ah... Umm ...
what about the lower taxes .....

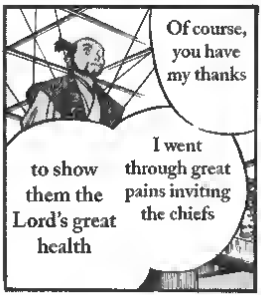
It looks exactly like our Master
This is perfect
just as one would expect the rare Puppet Master Tsujimura Genzou
It's beautiful


You saved me, Genzou.
The Lord snuck out somewhere without anyone knowing it. If it were to to be known by everyone
the samurai under him
will try to stir the people to help them take over. A insurrection could break out anytime

The Lord fell off the northern mountain cliff and died
He still hasn't been buried
It would be good if you hurried up and buried him then

this didn't start until the bad harvest
If no one is planning anything then it doesn't matter
It's for the security of the house .....


What are you talking about!!
I'll deal with that later, right now we need to stick to the original plans!!


Of course, you have my thanks
I went through great pains inviting the chiefs
to show them the Lord's great health

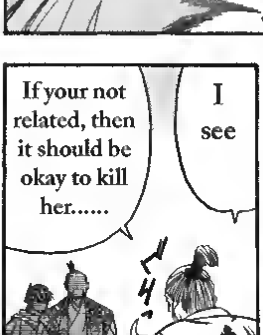
I've already finished my business here .....
?

Minister!!
Wait, Genzou!!
The puppet is all yours
I'm leaving!! This is quite boring!!
The Master carries this with him whenever he leaves
This girl said she found this on the remains of our Master!!
I don't fit in here .....
It's great that I was able to cross the mountain but
Who are you?
!?
They'll probably give me a huge reward for this ♡
I guess the Master's death is a big deal

Are you the one who said they found the remains of our Master?
I am Osato .....
Ye
Yes
Eh?
Wait
DIE
EEhhh!?

you told, Osato
What an amusing story
Eh?
Ah?
Oh
Oohh
Ahh That's good
Ye
Yes Please forgive me for what I've said
It'd be better if you just forgot such things and returned home
You must've seen the wrong person
You foolish girl, you didn't know what you saw
M.. Master ?
B.. But But.....

It doesn't look like a puppet
It looks like him when he was alive
That's a clever puppet!!
This is how I got my seat at the banquet too


I see
If your not related, then it should be okay to kill her.....
Hii

i..it's you...

What's wrong ?
You seem to want to rescue this little girl. Is it because your related?

I'm not related to her at all

Wha
Hii

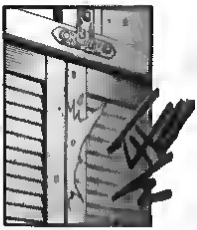
That's interesting
I've recently lost my interest in women's bodies
Don't cut her. I want to be the one to cut her up into little pieces

Seems this evening will be full of sorrow .....
I will tell you how to controll this puppet
If you give me the honor of slicing her up,

So she can not leave the castle
But the girl knows the secret of our Master
Alright, I'll agree to that

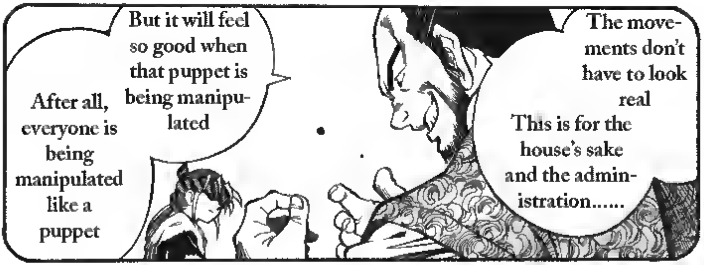
Alright

Am I going to die
What's going on?



maybe I can get away
そうお!!
Where are you going?
You want to die?
!!
Hyaaaaaaaaaa!!
There's about a hundered samurai out there
and there's about 30 samurai keeping guard of this room
With that, how do you plan to escape?
but I was free to .....
Idiot!! Everything would of been fine if you just forgot everything and returned home
If you did miraculously escape here, the minister's people will come after you anyway

There's no such thing as freedom in this world
I want to beable to leave the castle and live freely
If the master were really .....
Would you please make a puppet of me!
The situation will be better for everyone
A Puppet is all that's needed
I'm no different than a puppet
My relatives will fight over the house but I don't care
I'm truely an essential person that isn't really needed


The movements don't have to look real
This is for the house's sake and the administration.....
But it will feel so good when that puppet is being manipulated
After all, everyone is being manipulated like a puppet

I would love to see there faces if they ever find out
Waa haa haa

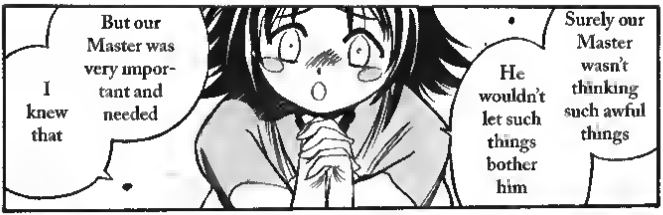
When I want to leave the castle, then I just have to leave the puppet in my place!!
It's such a masterpiece!!

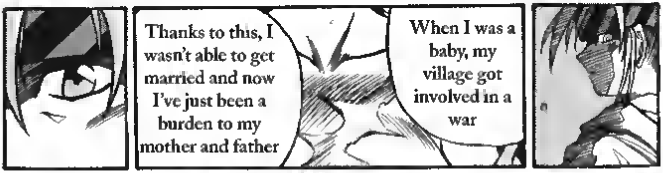
That was a different Master
He came to me in secrecy with greif as a retainer But when he was returning home, he fell off the cliff
That was half a month ago
Then seven days later helplessness had awoken

The minister and his men came requesting me to make a puppet of their Master
We need your puppet skills
How much money did you want?

I will fulfill this man's wishes by returning the unoperated puppet
so for the sake of this unnecessary man, I wanted to finish.....
It was one of my best works

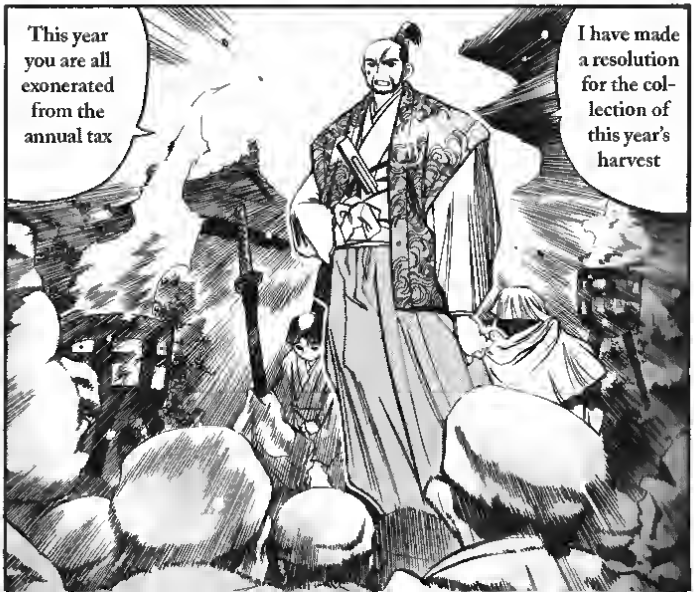
That can't be right
-I thought, but thanks to you the plan was completely ruined.....
It seems the retainer will ruin himself

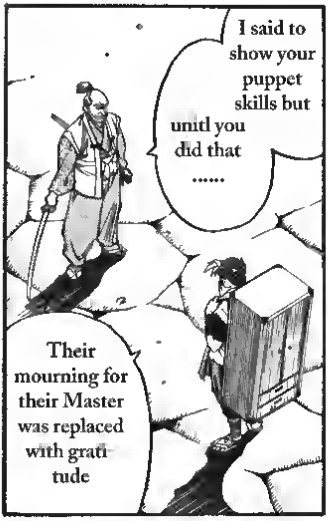

But our Master was very important and needed
I knew that
Surely our Master wasn't thinking such awful things
He wouldn't let such things bother him

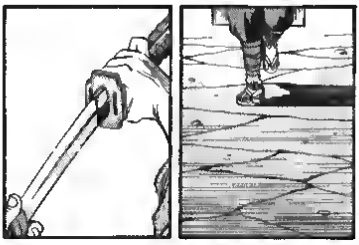

When I was a baby, my village got involved in a war
Thanks to this, I wasn't able to get married and now I've just been a burden to my mother and father

He was there when we needed him!!
I'm glad that I could be useful this one time

He only needs to appear when it's necessary .....
Everyone will be delighted .....
you can easily control that puppet!!
If you knew the Master,


This year you are all exonerated from the annual tax
I have made a resolution for the collection of this year's harvest


I said to show your puppet skills but until you did that .....
Their mourning for their Master was replaced with gratitude



Wait!! What about that little girl!!
Again there will be time you will have to manipulate the puppet
That's obvious you fool!!
The people will continue to adore the Master
and no riot will break out

You gave her to me as compensation for the puppet
As you promised me.....
Fool
I said she couldn't leave the castle alive .....

With this, I will be leave now
It was quite boring

Hii
Hiiiiiiiii

I wonder if she is okay?
Hii
Here we are.....

Anyways, I got out.....
I should be grateful?
I just went along with it
I'm just glad this is all over...
No need to thank me
I wonder what there doing?
Osatooo
Where are you?
Osatooo
You can come home now
It's all my fault
It's because I said such things
that Osato ran away
Honey

人形鬼話その四　終

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「傀儡師、呆けて候ふの縁」

人形鬼話その五

Puppet Master, The Changing Weather

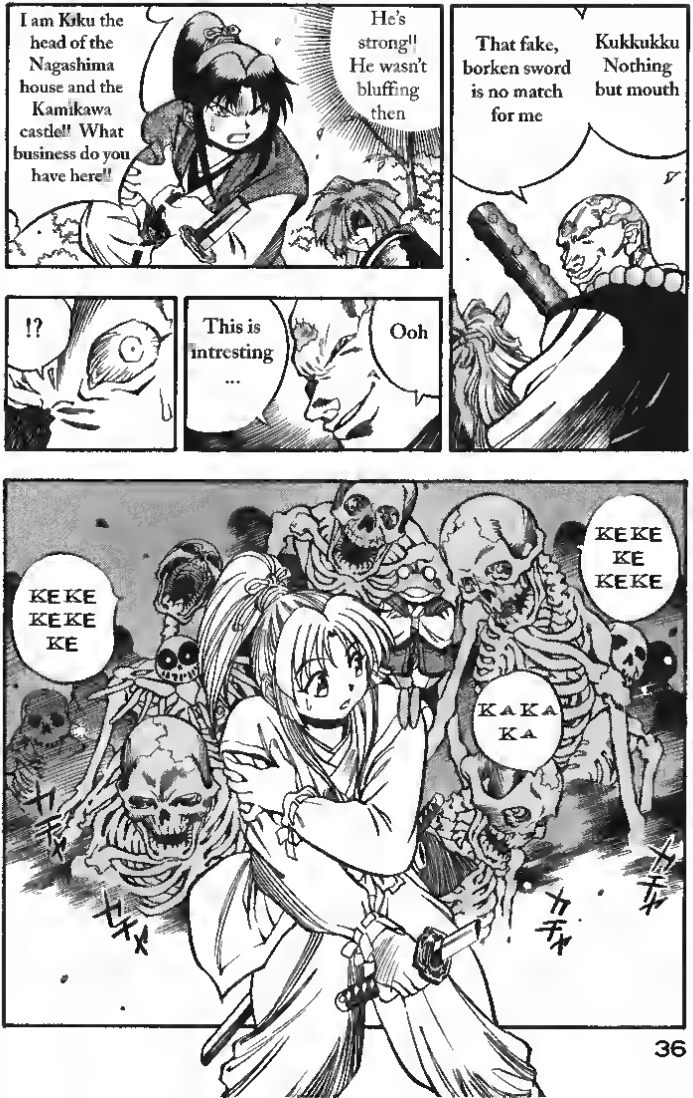
A farmer let me pick some of his mush-rooms
I can make mushroom soup with this
Genzouuuu~
おおい?
Hey~

With my soft skin he'll most likey want to...
I wonder what that idiot is thinking about me!!
Eventhough I gave him my heart, he hasn't changed a bit
He's not interested in anything
Jeez Everyday it's the same thing
.....
.....
Pr-Princess
When is something going to happen around.....
Well . this is getting boring

Princess!! Its been a long time
Kiku-hime!!
What are you doing crossing these mountains
Ukyou-dono!!
Please you have to save us
Save you from what?
My body can't take much more of this!!
It's a matter of life and death!!
The Nagashima house is in serious trouble!!

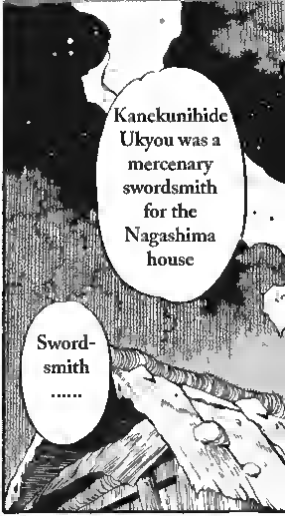
!?
!
I shall give you death for not obeying my commands!!
There's no escape, Kanekunihide Ukyou!!
Oooooooh

GwahaAaa
Are you fools Kanekuni-hide's sub-ordinates!?
Ukyou!!
!?
Who the hell would do...
What do you think you're doing!!


I am Kiku the head of the Nagashima house and the Kamikawa castle!! What business do you have here!!
He's strong!! He wasn't bluffing then
That fake, borken sword is no match for me
Kukkukku Nothing but mouth
!?
This is intresting ...
Ooh
KEKE KEKE KE
KAKA KA
KEKE KE KEKE

Samoji refers to the swords made by Saemon Saburo Yasuyoshi or the sword maker himself, I believe- He singed all his swords with the character "Sa" and Moji means a kanji character btw

My father entrusted a large quantity of swords to Ukyou when he was in the middle of war
Ukyou's swords were magnificently reliable

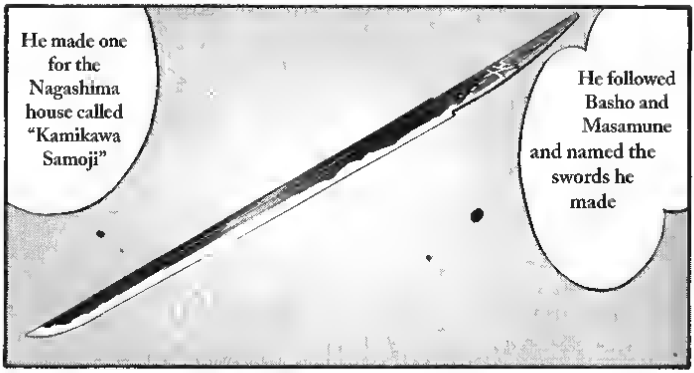

Kanekunihide Ukyou was a mercenary swordsmith for the Nagashima house
Sword-smith .....

H-Hime-sama
Who the hell was that guy?
Why would this happen

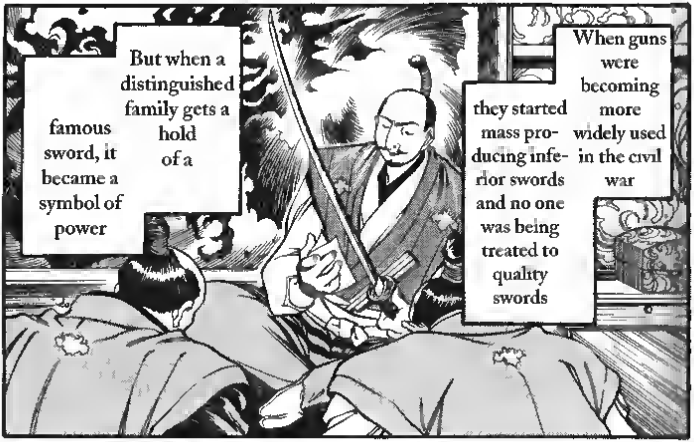
It's impossible that .....
What are you talking about
Yes

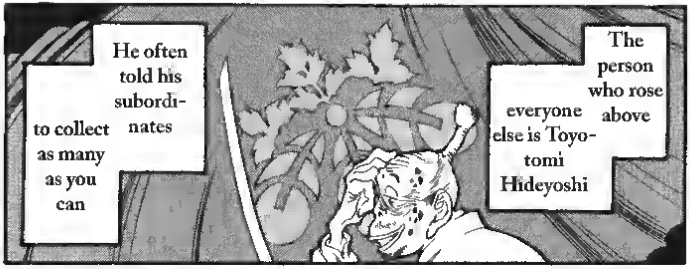
Please you must do everything you can to get back "Samoji"

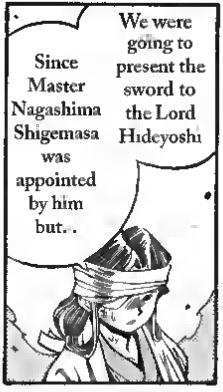
Please help us, Hime-sama.....
You shouldn't over work yourself. Just lie down and get some rest

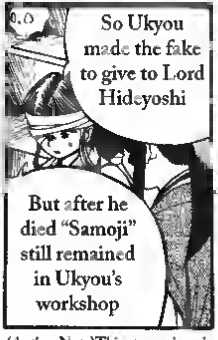

He made one for the Nagashima house called "Kamikawa Samoji"
He followed Basho and Masamune and named the swords he made

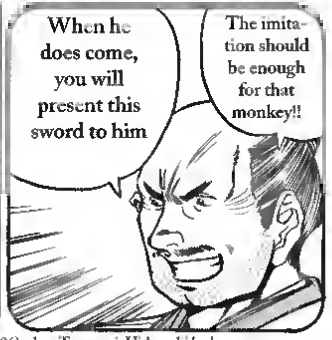
Impossible
Why wasn't .....
But "Kamikawa Samoji" should of been presented to Lord Hideyoshi


But when a distinguished family gets a hold of a famous sword, it became a symbol of power
When guns were becoming more widely used in the civil war they started mass producing inferior swords and no one was being treated to quality swords









(Author Note)This story takes place in the Keichou era(1596) when Toyotomi Hideyoshi had power
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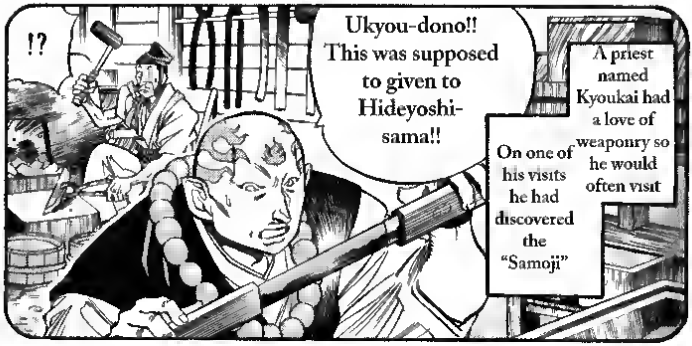
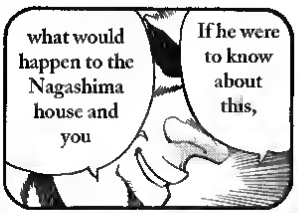
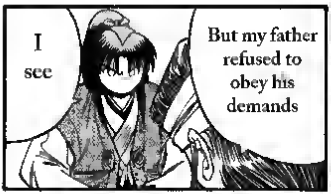
The occupation of Korea was in the Bunroku era(1592) and in the Keichou(1597)

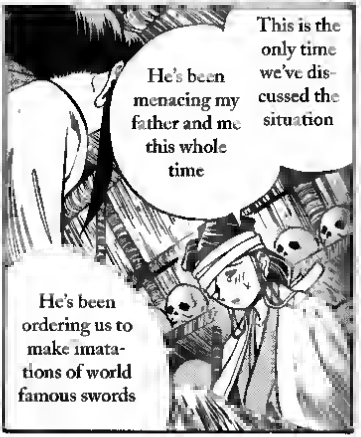

!?
Ukyou-dono!! This was supposed to given to Hideyoshi-sama!!
A priest named Kyoukai had a love of weaponry so he would often visit
On one of his visits he had discovered the "Samoji"

I'll take it then
Kyoukai-dono!!

Kyoukai-dono!! That's a secret affair.....


what would happen to the Nagashima house and you
If he were to know about this,


I see
But my father refused to obey his demands

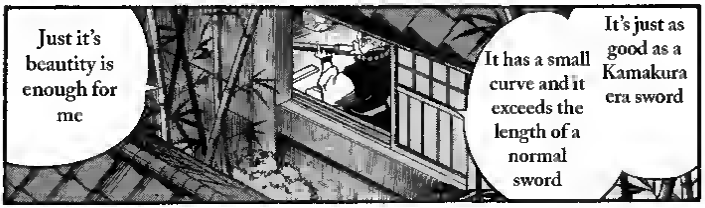

This is the only time we've discussed the situation
He's been menacing my father and me this whole time
He's been ordering us to make imatations of world famous swords

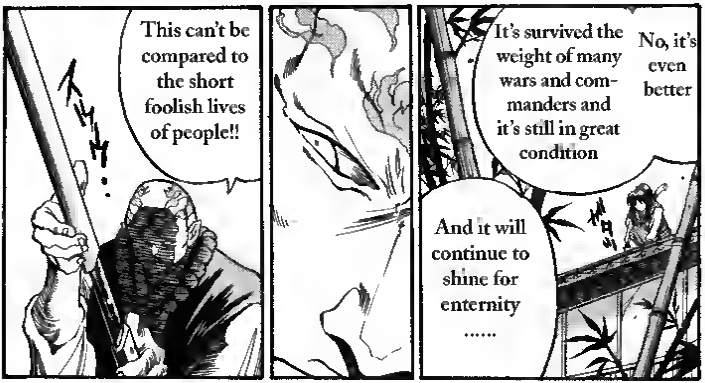
So don't worry I will get the "Samoji" back
This was originally an order from my father

Don't worry I have a strong ally- He's a Puppet Master
Kyoukai has the strength of a devil
But please be careful, Kiku-hime
Nonsense I don't have any reason to get mixed up in this
Genzou!! Could you possibly lend my your skills
ぼおおおお
Hey Genzou .....
Fine then!! I didn't want your help anyways!!
I've never been so disgusted before!!
You'll be fine even if something happens to me?
I'm asking as a special favor for me
Ge-
You'll have to excuse me from taking part in the extreme boredom

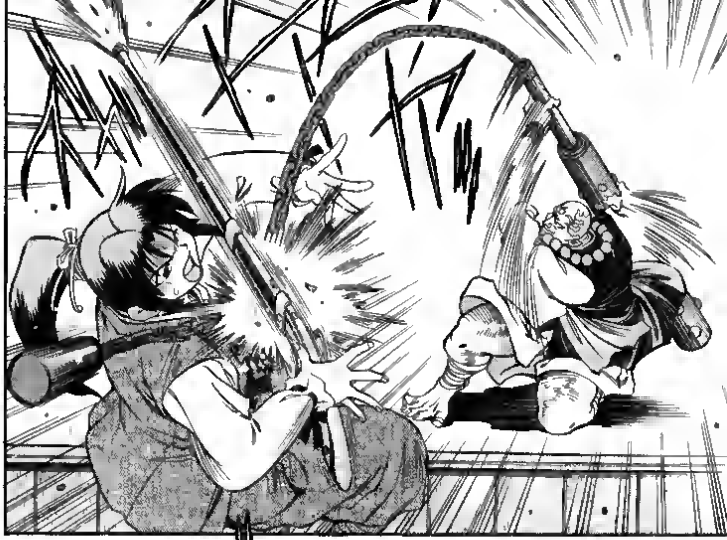
You'll see!! I'll avenge Ukyou myself!!
I can't believe someone like you was able to win my heart!!
.....

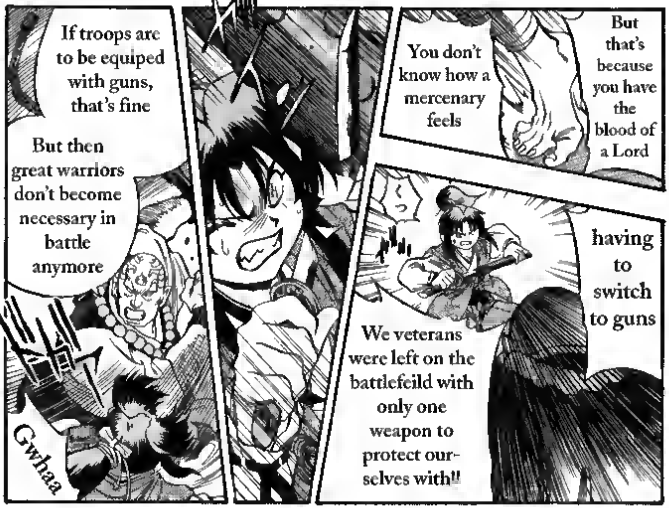
Simply Beautiful
Beautiful


Just it's beautity is enough for me
It has a small curve and it exceeds the length of a normal sword
It's just as good as a Kamakura era sword


This can't be compared to the short foolish lives of people!!
It's survived the weight of many wars and commanders and it's still in great condition
No, it's even better
And it will continue to shine for enternity .....

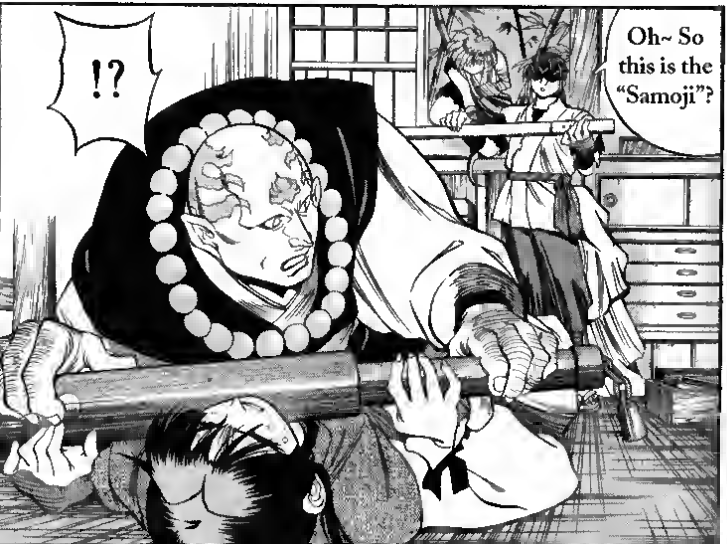
*Tanegashima - this basically means guns since the first guns received were on the island of Tanegashima from the Portuguese in 1543




If troops are to be equiped with guns, that's fine
But then great warriors don't become necessary in battle anymore
Gwhaa
You don't know how a mercenary feels
But that's because you have the blood of a Lord
having to switch to guns
We veterans were left on the battlefeild with only one weapon to protect our-selves with!!

Your katana wasn't any good against me either!!
It seems the swordsmith died from my magnificent strike too!!

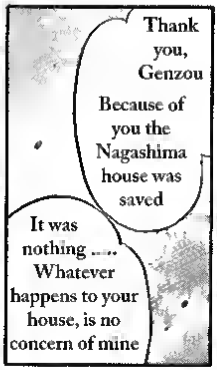
Genzou!! It's all your fault!!
Letting me go by myself.....
I knew my weapon wouldn't be a match for him!!
He's too strong


!?
Oh~ So this is the "Samoji"?

You'll be dead before you know it!!
Genzou!!
Hurry up and return I'm still waiting for that mushroom soup
!?
shou~
Wha
!?

N-
No don't!!
That's...
!!
Prepare yourself, Kyoukai !!
huh
Hmph

Ku
Don't worry, I used the back of the sword
Why didn't you strike me? If you used your weapon you could of beat me
M- My weapon would of damaged the "Samoji"...
The sword's shine is more important than a person's life. Please treasure it
I see. So in other words, you immediately gave up because of the "Samoji"



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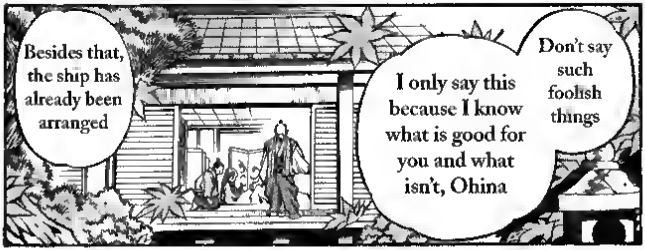
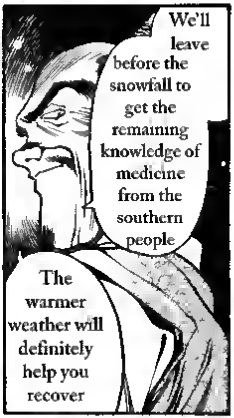
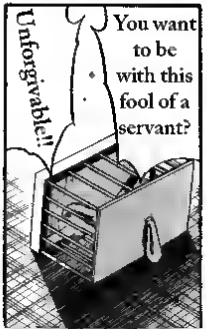
Shoukichi!!
Her nightingale has grown weak so putting it next to Ohina's bedside isn't right
But that's .....
I'll soon be kicking you out too
S-
Stop it father
Shoukichi watches over me If you throw him out, I.....
I will die from this white plague quicker


Besides that, the ship has already been arranged
I only say this because I know what is good for you and what isn't, Ohina
Don't say such foolish things

O-Ohina-sama
No
I wont go if I'm not together with Shoukichi


We'll leave before the snowfall to get the remaining knowledge of medicine from the southern people
The warmer weather will definitely help you recover


Unforgivable!!
You want to be with this fool of a servant?

When I do die, I want to be close to the person I love

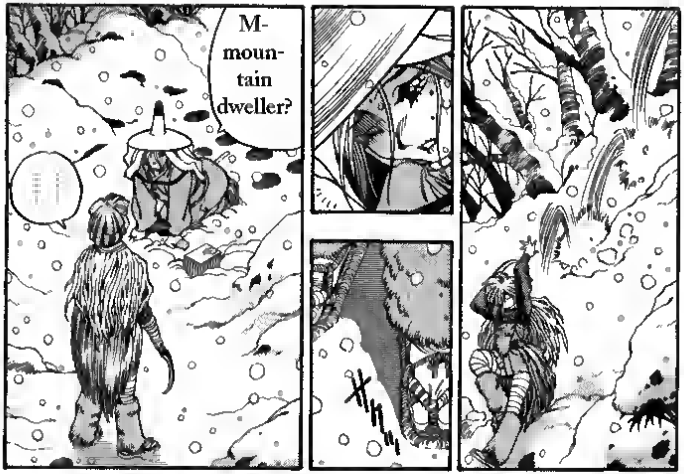
Puppet Master, the Return of the Diseased Man

「傀儡師、死病の男を再現するの縁」

人形鬼話その六

Auu~
Auuu~
Come on back, Otsuru
But I don't really care what we do.....
Stop it Stop it Stop it!!
Your tattered roof can't protect us from this heavy snowfall!!!
It looks like the Shrike offered it's prey to the snow
If we're going to be staying at the village headman's house
we better hurry down the mountain

Wont my chest grow with hapiness ♡
Besides
I can't wait to be in a warm house together this spring
Cough* cough*
That's none of your business!
Hime's chest definitely wont grow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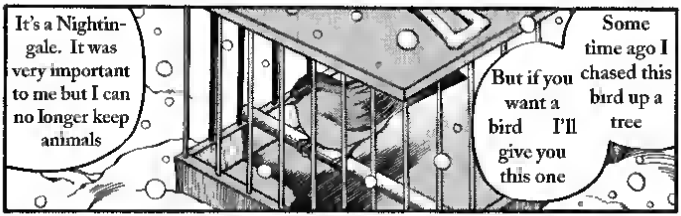
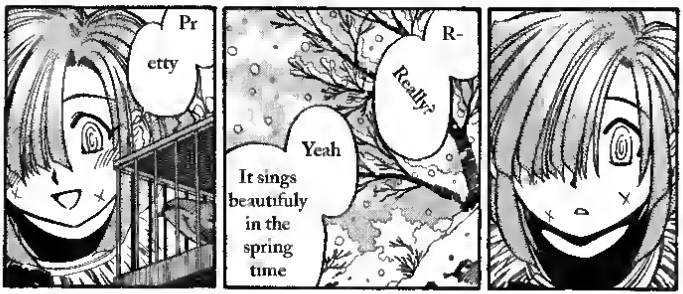
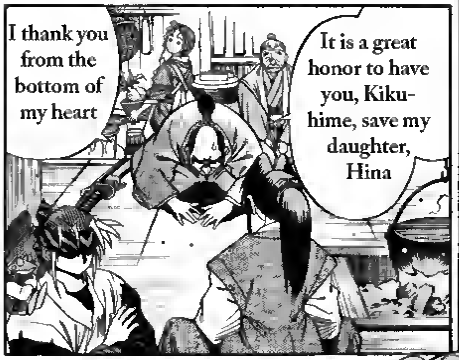
dweller?

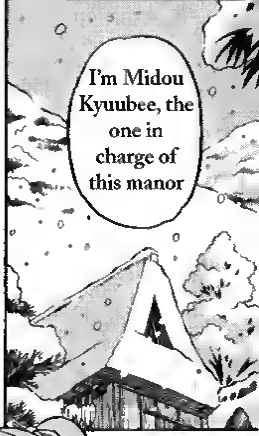

It's a Nightin-
gale. It was
very important
to me but I can
no longer keep
animals
But if you
want a
bird I'll
give you
this one
Some
time ago I
chased this
bird up a
tree

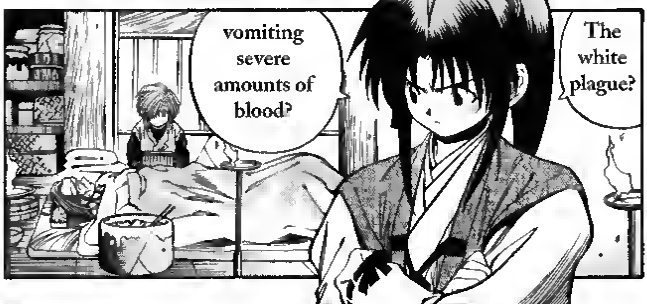

Pr
etty
R-
Really?
Yeah
It sings
beautfuly
in the
spring
time

mine
Tsuru
name
Bird's
friend
So you
like the
bird?
Yeah
Hina?
Tsuru's
friend?
Hina?
Bird's
friend?
My
name is
Hina
I'm the
bird's
friend
too
Otsuru
Instead of
giving it to,
I ask as a
favor.....
happy
first
time
Tsuru
friend
first time

I am going to Grief's Valley.....
Hina!!
Hi-
Hina!!
He-y Otsuru
Where are.... .
Help
Kikuu!!
Genzou!!

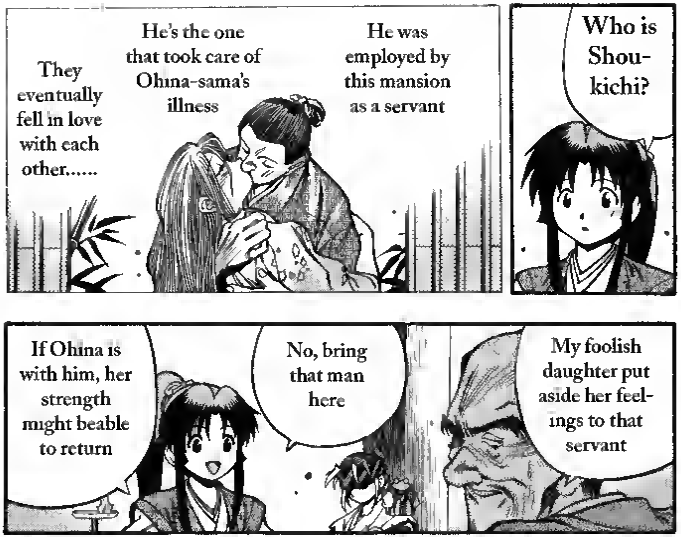

I thank you from the bottom of my heart
It is a great honor to have you, Kiku-hime, save my daughter, Hina


I'm Midou Kyuubee, the one in charge of this manor


vomiting severe amounts of blood?
The white plague?

But was she crossing the mountain with a sick body?
I would be truly grateful
Right now she's too weak. I can try and see if I can persuade her
Yes We did have plans to leave in of a cure but she said she would gnaw her tongue off in opposition....

Where would Hina be going if she didn't have a weak body.....
Don't be surprised he's a Puppet Master
Wha?
she wanted to go
Hina said
Grief's Valley
Yes
Hey, Yosuke
A village headman never knows the happenings of his land or his family
Grief's Valley?
That's nonsense
If Ohina wasn't heading towards Shoukichi in Grief's Valley.....

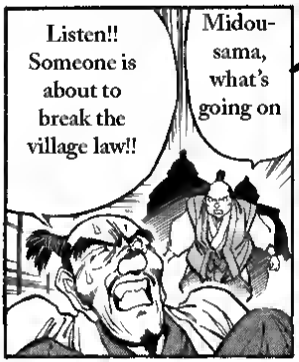

They eventually fell in love with each other.....
He's the one that took care of Ohina-sama's illness
He was employed by this mansion as a servant
Who is Shoukichi?
If Ohina is with him, her strength might beable to return
No, bring that man here
My foolish daughter put aside her feelings to that servant
So to stop the risk of further infection, we put all the infected people in a small cabin on the mountain
The villagers that couldn't afford the medicine became infected with the disease
?

It is a village law that if you go to Grief's Valley you can never come back
They all reside there at Grief's Valley
So Shoukichi can't come back.....
He's most likely already dead
Ohina-sama's illness has gotten serious enough to take her to Grief's Valley

If we start planning to find Shoukichi, hope for living my come gushing forth from Ohina
Can you make a living puppet of Shoukichi?
How about it, Genzou
The path has disappeared underneath the snow.....It would be too difficult to traverse
Genzou-dono, if you went up to Grief's Valley and found him, you could.....
I don't know Shoukichi's form so making a puppet is impossible
That's too much suffering
house
Hina's
Hina
help recover
Otsuru, Where are you going now?

Uu
Uuu
Hina
.....
Shou.....
kichi.....
Shou....kichi.....
Wha!?
Who are
you!?
!

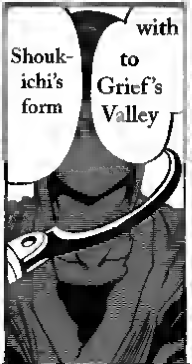
Hina!!
I will bring back Shoukichi
Don't Die!!
Tsuru
definitely bring back Shoukichi


Midou-sama, what's going on
Listen!! Someone is about to break the village law!!

Uwaa

O-Otsuru .....

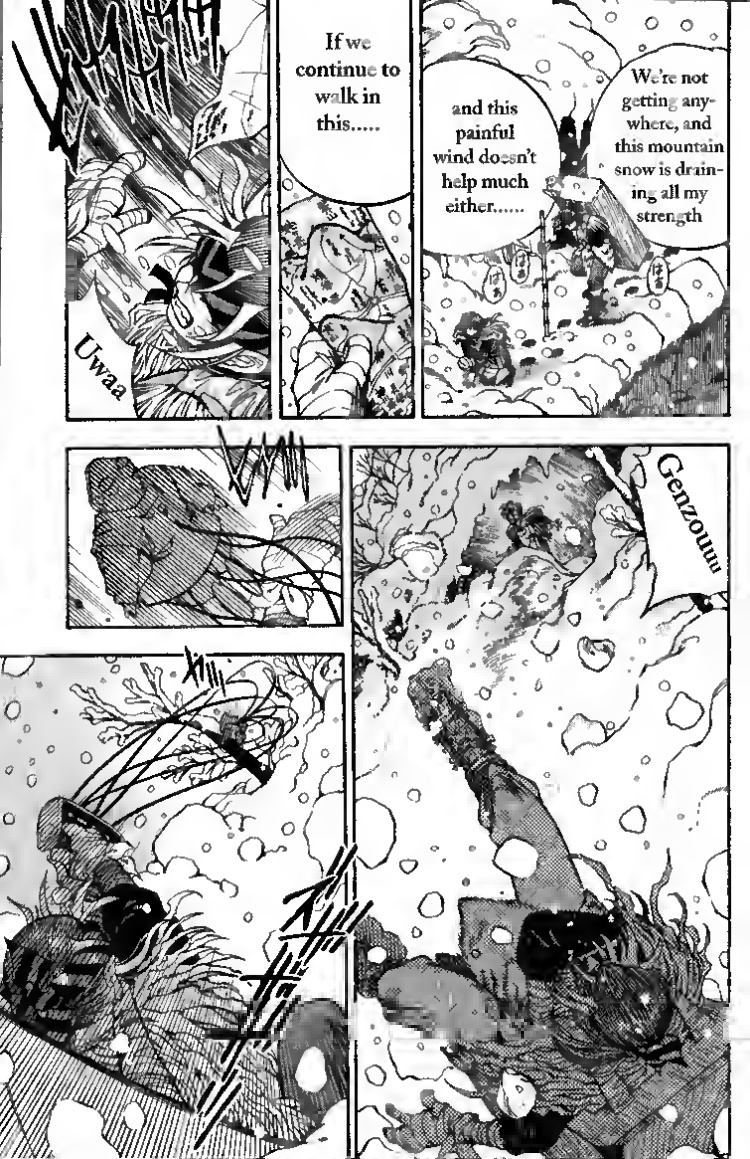
for making a puppet
Otsuru !!

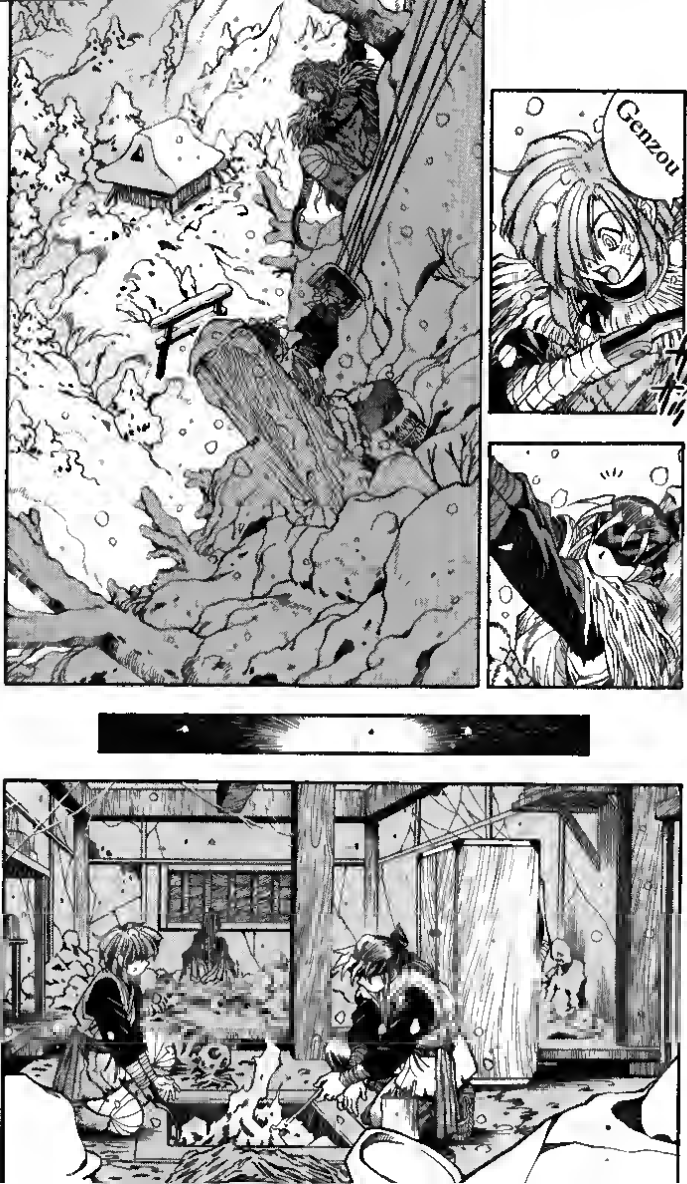

with to Grief's Valley
Shouk-ichi's form

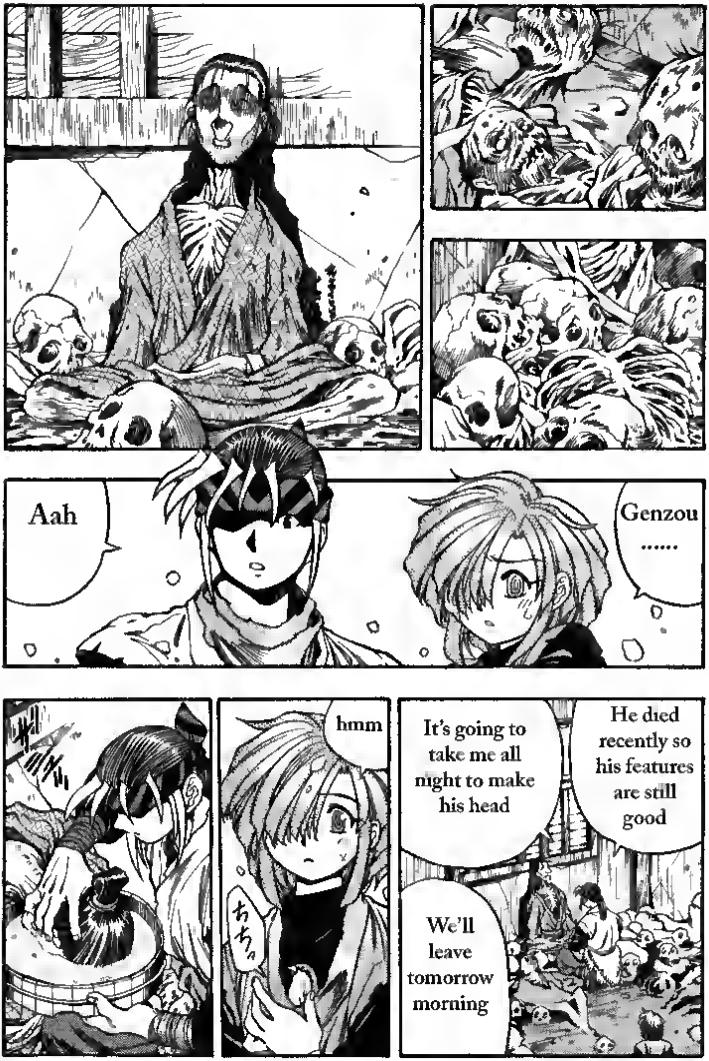
Please Genzou

We only have my kimono .....
Why so suddenly .....
Hime
Prepare some riceballs and some clothes that stand out.....
That will be fine
Will the bird be okay when we'r heading towards Grief's Valley
Tsuru is warm
Hm
Otsuru
The nightingale is too energetic, we should the bird here
If we don't return in 24 hours then come search for us
You have only one day to gather up all the laborers
This is foolish. I should come too
Genzou

Are you okay? Genzou
Hee This is boring


Uwaa
If we continue to walk in this.....
and this painful wind doesn't help much either.....
We're not getting anywhere, and this mountain snow is draining all my strength
Genzouuu


Genzou


Aah
Genzou
.....
hmm
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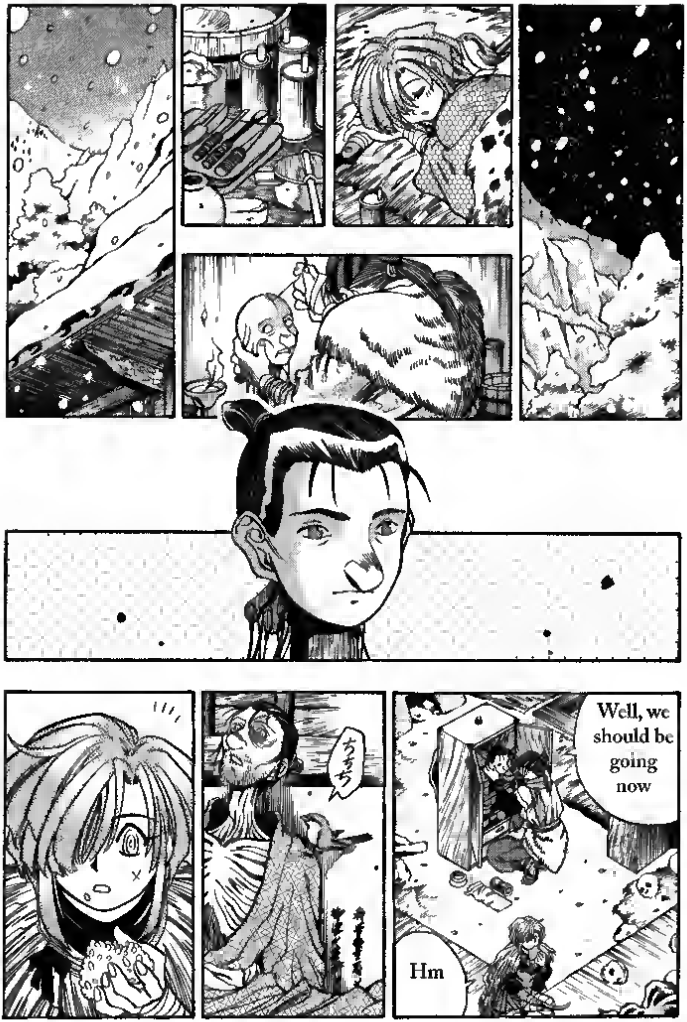
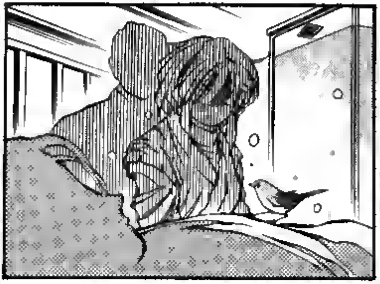
It's going to take me all night to make his head
He died recently so his features are still good
We'll leave tomorrow morning

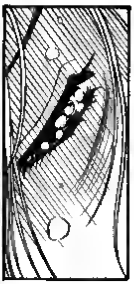

Well, we should be going now
Hm

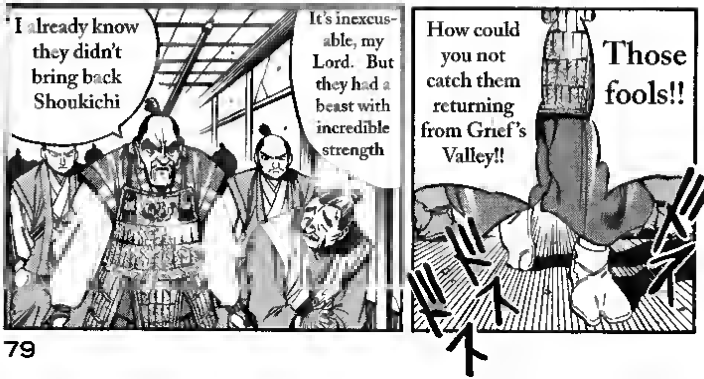
Hime is probably waiting for us. Lets go
Genzou!!
G-anzou!! something written
A note by Shoukichi
why?
why?
Why?
Genzou
Why? What did he write?

I will forever remain here waiting with my love for Hina]
[I rest here unaffected by the white plague I was abandon out here by Midou Kyuubee He hired people to tell lies of my condition
Hey
Genzou
He was put there by Kyuubee
Lies
not have
White plague
I gathered up all the villagers
to help search for you
I take it everything went okay

Eh?
Oooo~
Violators of the village law will pay with their life
!?
Otsuru!!
Do it!!

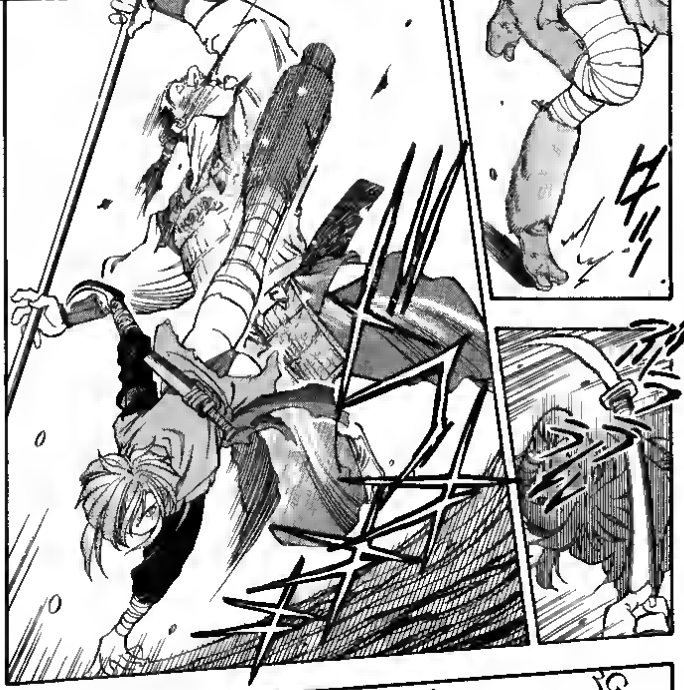





I already know they didn't bring back Shoukichi
It's inexcusable, my Lord. But they had a beast with incredible strength
How could you not catch them returning from Grief's Valley!!
Those fools!!

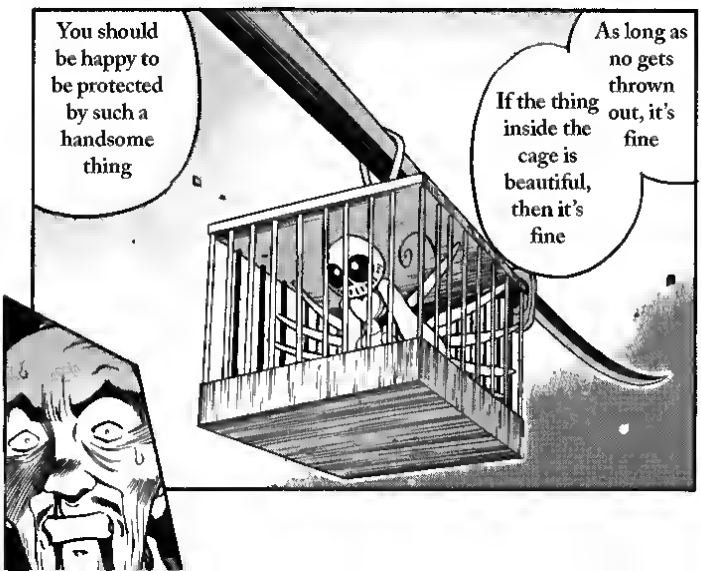
They're already here!!
Huh?
Even if it's the people that accompanied Kiku-hime
Don't let those filthy people near my daughter
We killed Shoukichi after we threw him up there
Hmph
How dare you come here .....

You'll never get.....
This will be your last mistake !!
Nuu~

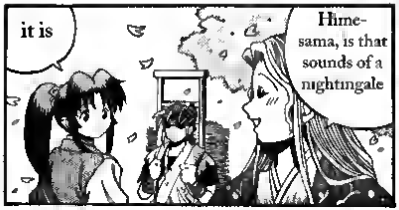


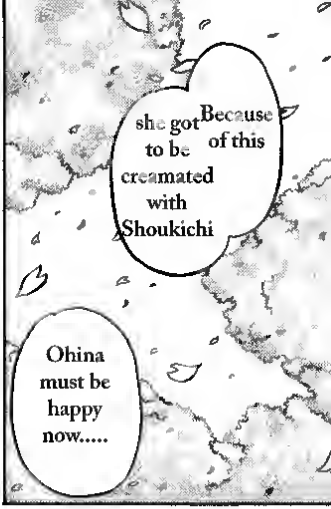
Gawhaa

ヒュン!


You should be happy to be protected by such a handsome thing
If the thing inside the cage is beautiful, then it's fine
As long as no gets thrown out, it's fine

!?
Ohina looked happy
This is enough
Stop intruding, Kyuubee
Hina
happy
very much
She took her last breath with happiness
No she was happy
What did you do?
Wha!?
Th-that's impossi-ble!!
She died happly


Hime-sama, is that sounds of a nightingale
it is


Because of this she got to be creamated with Shoukichi
Ohina must be happy now.....

[Hina must be very happy]
Somehow or other Otsuru got to hear the nightingale's voice
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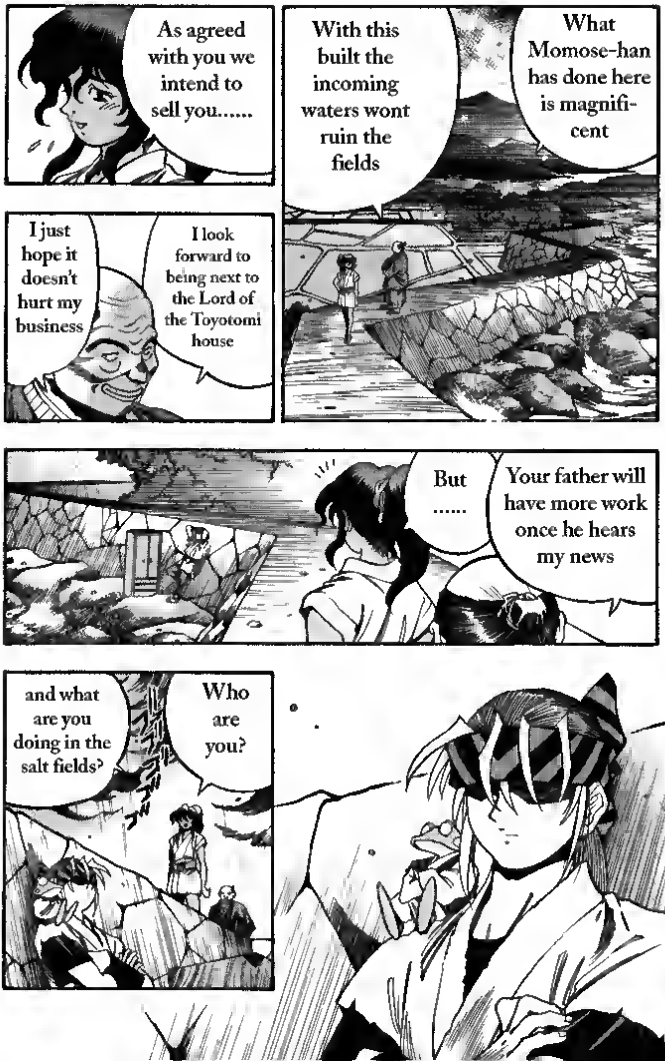
He said he wants to heal people's hearts!?
Don't make me laugh!!
An-chan
I'm sure he uses his puppets for hatred and greed
His only goal is to deprive the hearts of the weak
I'm fed up with father's ideals!!
I'm leaving the Tsu-jimura House!!

*Puppet Master, Commanding Life and Death - The One
「傀儡師、死命を制せられるの縁」其の壱
人形鬼話その七
I will go to Genzou asking for Saki
I should be the one protecting my sister
But if he has brought unhappiness upon her
I will kill him this time!!

Looks like a storm is coming
It will probably take the whole beach too
Lady Ofuyu, How's everything going?
It's time you should be comin' in

*-han is a Kansai dailect of -san

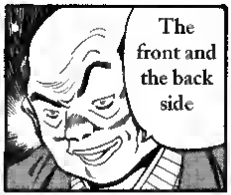

As agreed with you we intend to sell you.....
With this built the incoming waters wont ruin the fields
What Momose-han has done here is magnificent
I just hope it doesn't hurt my business
I look forward to being next to the Lord of the Toyotomi house
But .....
Your father will have more work once he hears my news
and what are you doing in the salt fields?
Who are you?

Wouldn't you like to look at it some place else?
The sea .....
Eh!?
What the hell is that guy doing?

F-
Father
Momose-han!!
キキキキ

This can't be! He was swallowed by the waves.....
What about his remains?
This is a tragedy but nothing can be done about it

If you need anything please feel free to ask me
This area would be nothing if it wasn't for his strength
This must of been his fate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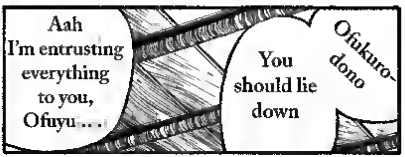
Aah I'm entrusting everything to you, Ofuyu…
You should lie down
Ofukuro-dono

What are we going to do now.....
My Lady

and my father was able to make large quantities from these fields
Momose's salt is better than any other salt produced within Japan
Do you want Momose's fields to die out?
Please, Ofuyu-san
Ooh Thank you
No way!! Ofuyu-san will be our new sea Lord
I can't comprehend any of this
If this is what everyone wants
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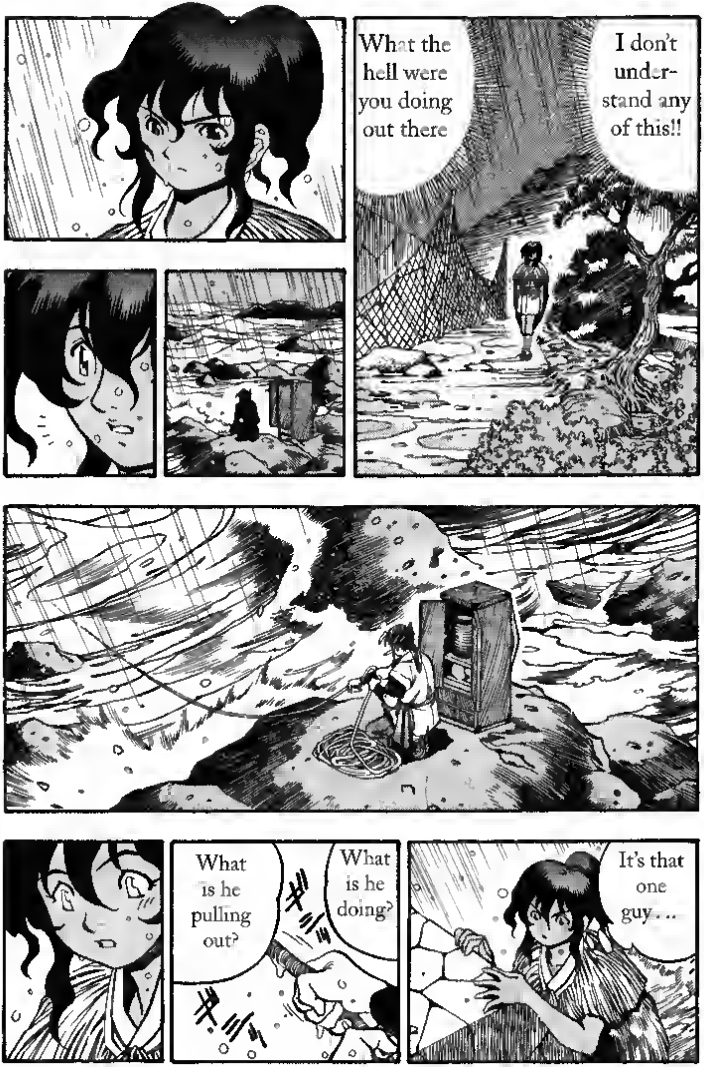
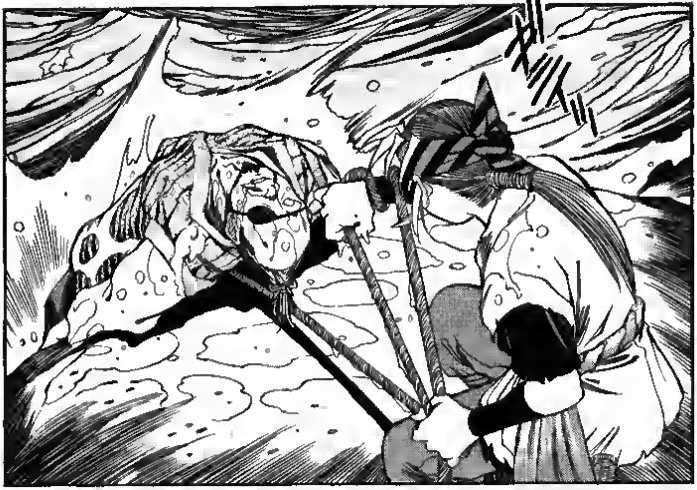
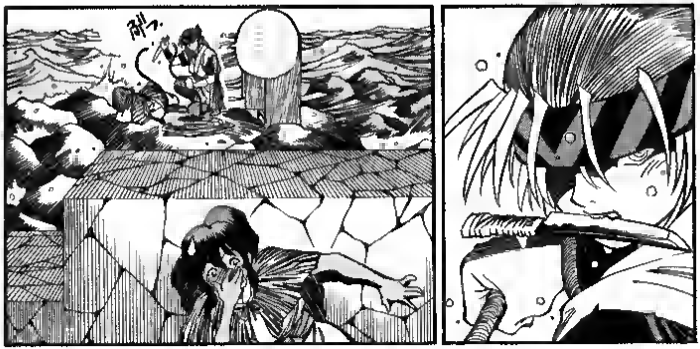
Only that he was swallowed by the waves. But why though!?
He wasn't checking the bank either!!


What the hell were you doing out there
I don't understand any of this!!
What is he pulling out?
What is he doing?
It's that one guy...

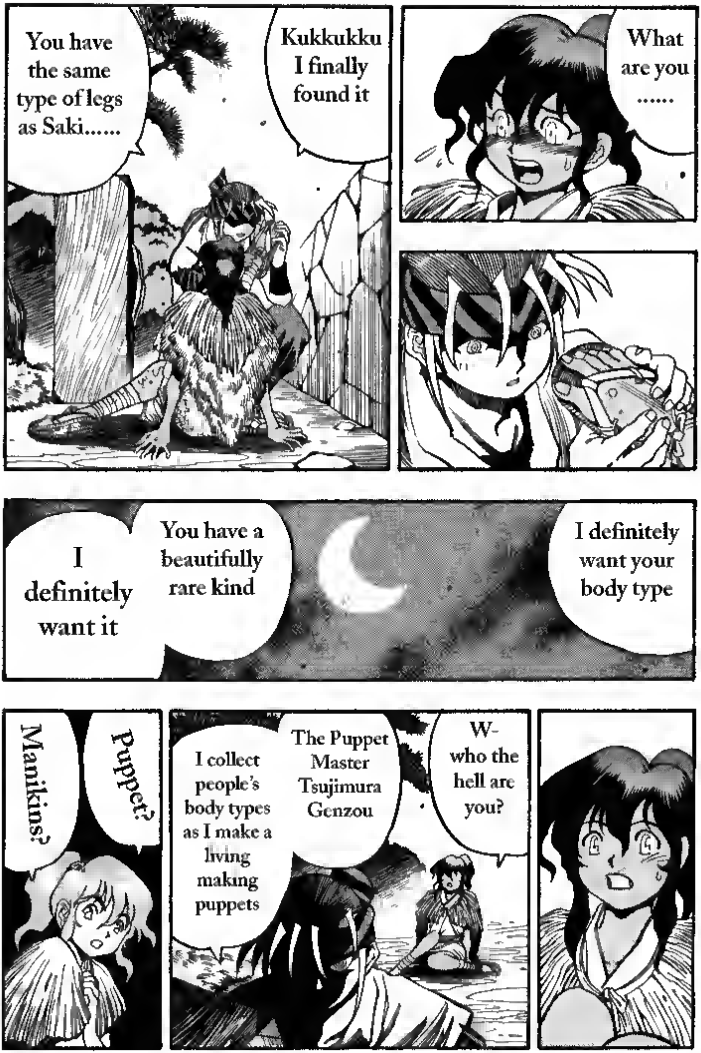


Father!?
F-



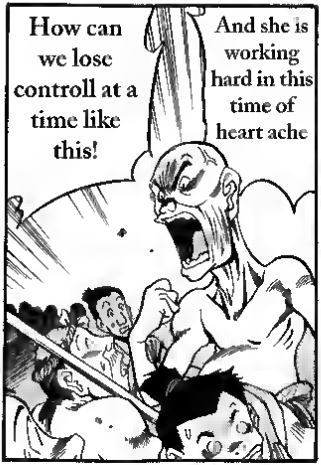
What is going on!!
Was my father killed? By him?
Was he tied up then dragged in by the ocean
But how could such a thing happen ……
Hey
You are Momose Tatsugorou's daughter, Ofuyu?
!!
Na
Ah?

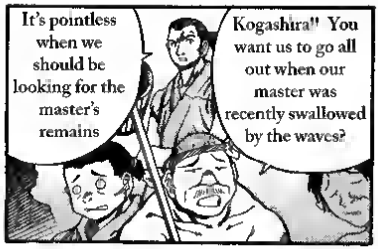
This is your father's contract
As a payment for the job I undertook, I shall receive his daughter's body
If she refuses, she forfeits the house and the salt fields
My Body!?
Th- this must be some kind of joke.....
Don't worry
I wouldn't tease you at a time like this
!


You have the same type of legs as Saki.....
Kukkukku I finally found it
What are you .....
I definitely want it
You have a beautifully rare kind
I definitely want your body type
Puppet? Manikins?
I collect people's body types as I make a living making puppets
The Puppet Master Tsujimura Genzou
W-who the hell are you?

Where did you put my father's remains?
W- wait a minute
Until then be prepared for my return
I know nothing about things like that
remains?

Everyone work your hardest!
Perfect for making salt!!
Nice weather
Kaaaa

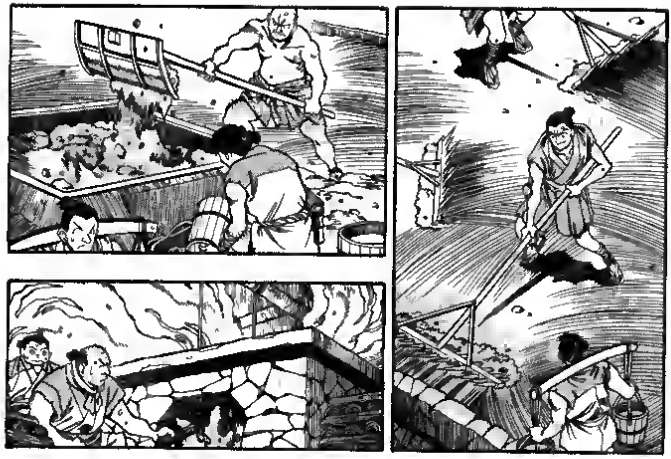

How can we lose controll at a time like this!
And she is working hard in this time of heart ache


It's pointless when we should be looking for the master's remains
Kogashira!! You want us to go all out when our master was recently swallowed by the waves?

If Ofuyu says we shouldn't look for it then we shall not
You fools!!

We will support Ofuyu with our happiness!!
We must bear through this hard labor
We will work from morning till night

That's the spirit!! Lets do this for Momose!!
Alright Let's get this show on the road



She went to the border early this morning
Aah
Where is Ofuyu?

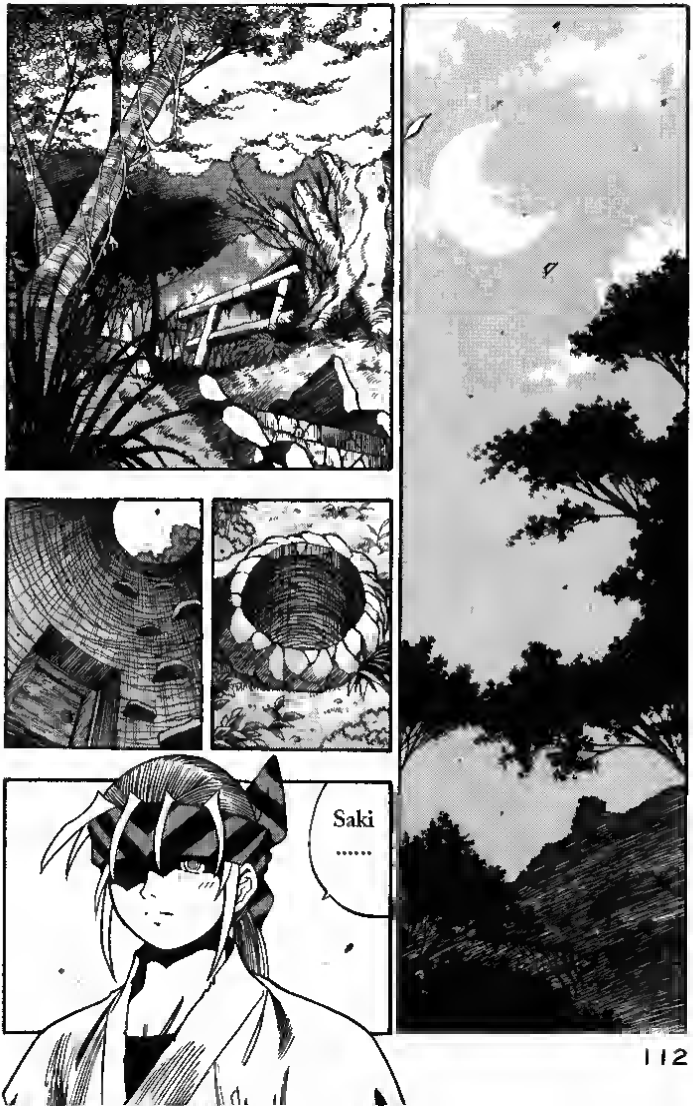
The Isono one
The border?

Marukobashi, the Lord's vassal and the owner of this villa, is indebted to me
I'm only here to request for assistance...but why...are you here.....
Yes. I'm Momose Fuyu
Is this the one requesting support
No, it's nothing
Sorry to keep you waiting Tokubee

Momose never gave you blue prints or anything before?
So your name is Fuyu
She is the daughter of Momose
Yes .....
I see
Blue prints?
Ha?
Please assist me.....
I didn't say I wanted revenge I just wish to know the truth
Fuyu said her father was killed by a puppet master so she wants revenge
Maruko-sama
somehow or other this.....

Ha?
Salt is sold at every capital's market
Why not try selling salt in Osaka
Osaka should sell it cheaper than any other city
Do you know why we want this to be?
Because Toyotomi Hideyoshi's castle town isn't thriving like it should
But the amount of cheap salt Osaka has isn't sufficient
Sell Momose's salt in Osaka also
It needs to be the best quality and the cheapest
!
But that's .....
These Puppet Masters seem to use the dark arts
!

This is Hanebami Koushirou
When against the dark arts one must become it and use it against your foe
!?
AS YOU WISH


Saki
.....

Soon now
I will beable to finally finish you, Saki
This will be the second time you've been in.....

we can finally die together
When you do come-back this time
There's nothing left for me here.....
The things of this world have come to bore me
There is no cure for the dismay of death and the agony of life
Kukkukkuu
It's the only way, An-chan .....
He turns his back on helping the weak

I'm only a useless and corrupt person.....
Who was that?
Who would be coming to my cabin at a time like this?
It can't be Kiku-hime or Otsuru.....
Who's here

Well
Please
You said you like my body.....

You said you lived north of the Kamikawa Castle on Inuyama mountain
So I came wanting to pay you back as the contract said.....

Fuyu..... Why are you here?

Well
!?
Come
Come on now
I want to ask you one thing though

I'm sorry to say nothing else.....
Like blue prints or some-thing.....
Did you receive anything else from my father other than the contract?
!?
Wha!?

!?
Nu
uuu
I-
Impossi-
ble......
!
YOU
KILLEd
SAKI
GENZOU

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Hurry and tell everyone across the mountain!!
What!! Inuyama is on fire!?

Oh my God!!
Hurry!! Go report this to Hime-sama!!
Alright!!

Yosuke!! Have the villagers head for the mountain
Have the mountain guardians put out the fire
Yes

It's all my fault.....
It was inexcusable
Afterall, it's my job to get you to the southeast castle unseen
Instead of this we should be leaving soon
You should be thanking him
I only came here because Genzou asked me to
fine fine
Hime-sama
But Genzou is also being attacked, so how are we going to.....
Genzou always has something up his sleeve!!
Don't worry!!
You're back!!
Kiss here
Once I finish this I can demand a reward from Genzou
nffuffuu

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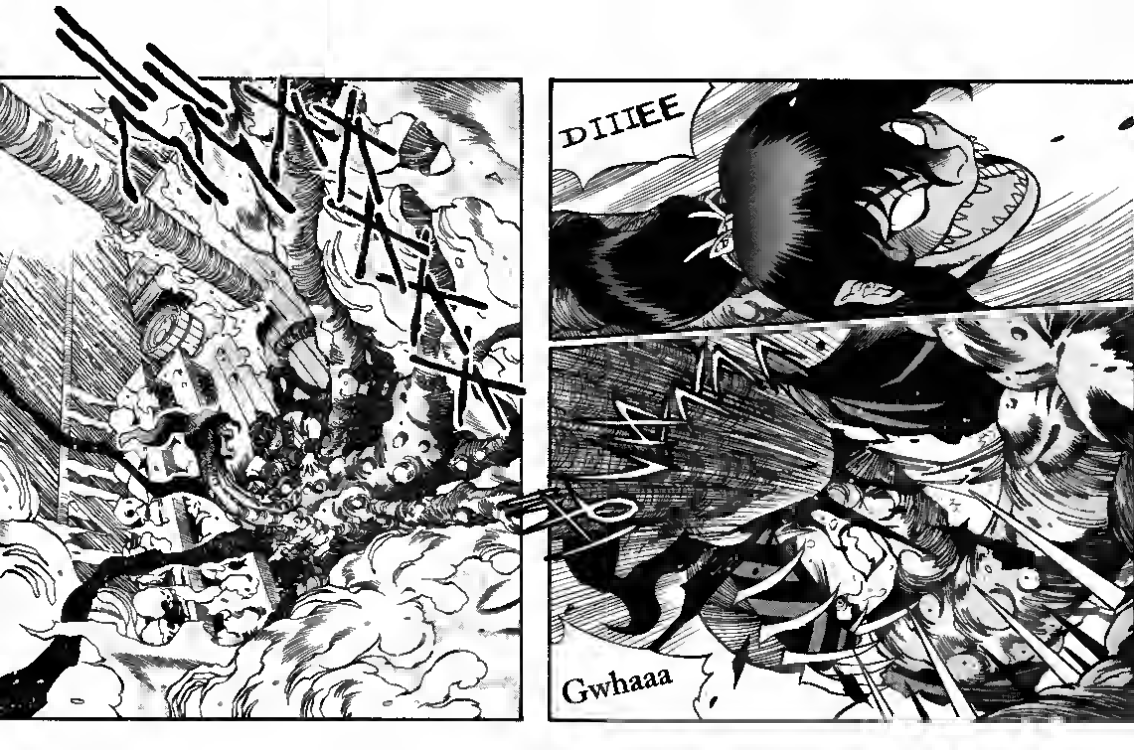
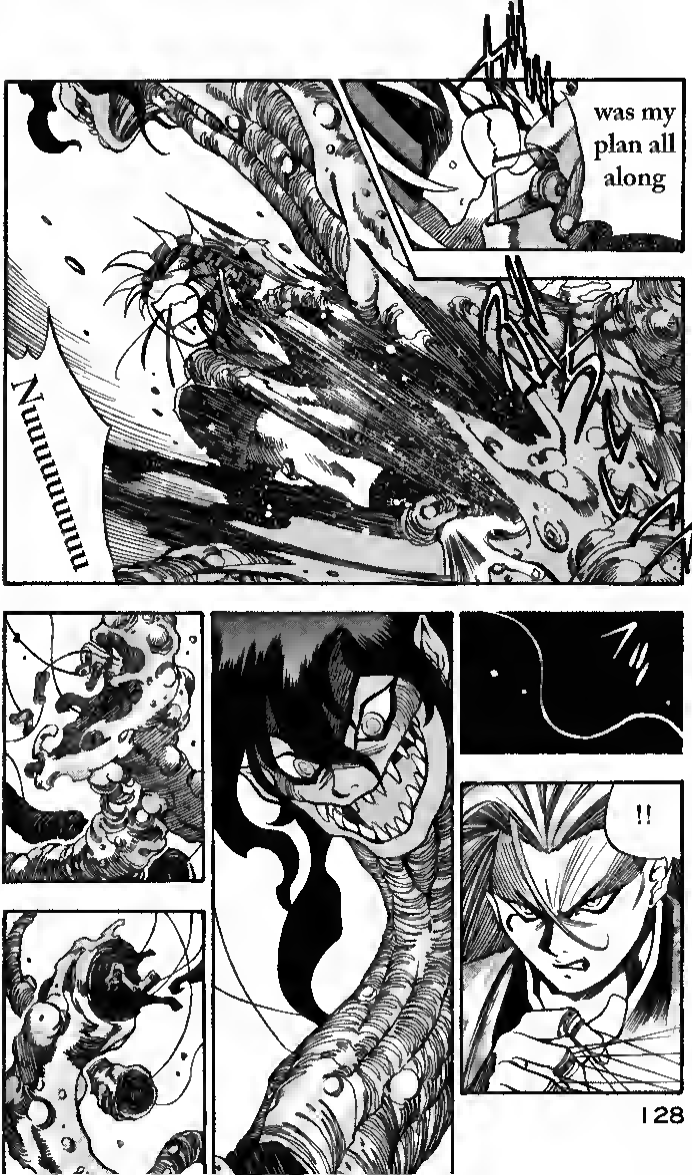
人形鬼話その七


DIIIEE
Gwhaaa

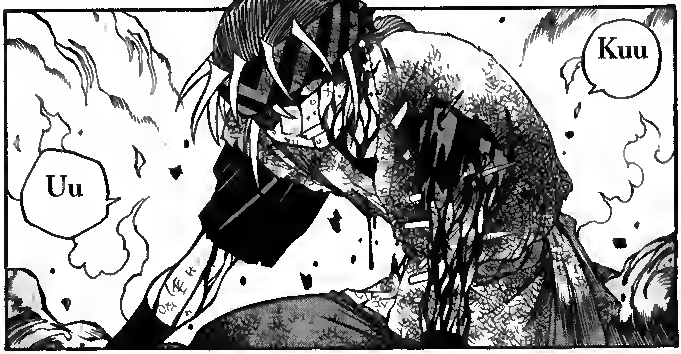
Gaaa
KAK AKA KA KAK AKA
DIE GEN-ZOU !!
DIE DIE DIE!!
Guuu
YOUR dEaTH WILL BE YOUR APOL-OGY
THIS IS YOUR PUN-ISHMENt FOR WHAt YOU did tO HER!!
Kuuu

I'm the one who caused her to die!!
An-chan!! Are you listening to me!!
Die Genzou
It was my intent from the beginning.....

Guooo
It
!!
7th
bone
8th
9th


was my plan all along
Nuuuuuuuuu
!!

YOU WILL BE tHE ONE tO dIE
HMPH !!


Kuu
Uu

We still haven't obtained the secret of Momose .....
But Honebami-dono!!

HE IS COM-ING
FIN-ISH HIM !!

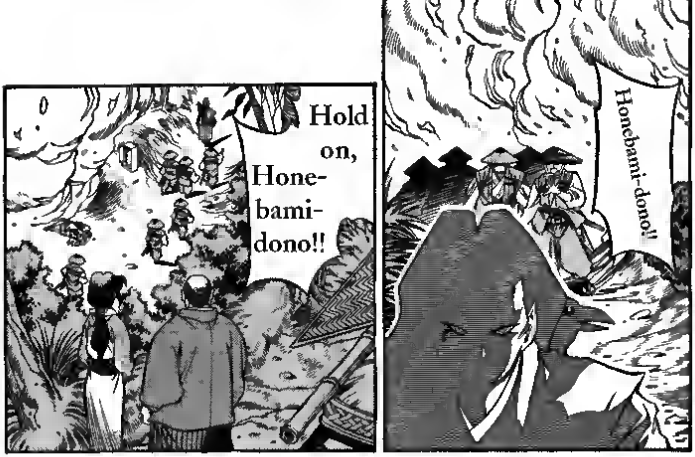
DON't BE FOOLED BY HIS tRICKS. iF YOU dON't KILL HIM, HE'LL KILL YOU!!

There he is
Uoooo

!
Nuuu

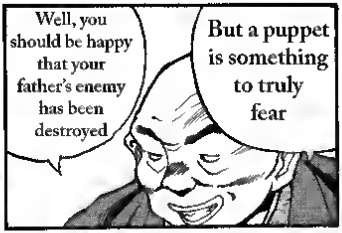
DON't BE CON-FUSEd. HE'S StiLL INSIdE !!
Uwhaa
ボフ
ボフ
ボフ
ボフ
SPLIt UP ANd KILL tHE PUPPE-tEER!!
Kuu
There he is!!
Teeiii
!!

Haauu
Please wait, Honebami-dono!!
WE'RE FINISHEd HERE. LEt US GO
KAKA KAKA KAKA KA
THIS IS tHE ENd
THAt'S tHE HOUSE OF MARUKOBAS HI'S PROBLEM. dO WHAt-EVER YOU WISH
We should probably capture the closest person to Tsujimaru Genzou
He was nothing like you at all
Tsujimaru's cabinet was hidden in the shrubs


Hold on, Honebami-dono!!
Honebami-dono!!

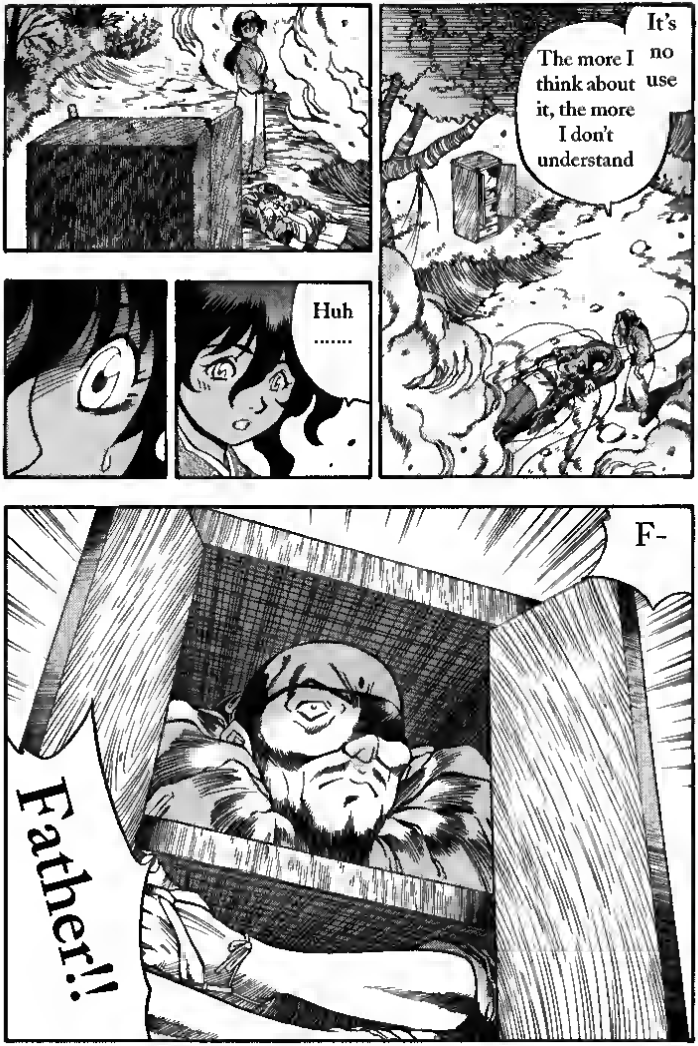
so we also think it's better if we split up
Soon the Nagashima's warriors will be upon us

O-Ofuyu-san!!
I'm going to find out while I still can!!
I wanted to know the truth


Well, you should be happy that your father's enemy has been destroyed
But a puppet is something to truly fear

This isn't a joke

Kuu
We must leave now
Come on, now!!
Ungra-teful girl!!
Why did this happen
I don't understand why this man would want to kill my father
or why my father was mixed up in such things
.....


It's no use
The more I think about it, the more I don't understand
Huh .....
F-
Father!!

What's going on? This is .....
A puppet !?
Father.....
Is..... that..... you?
But father died at the beach
and was pulled out by that puppet master .....
This can't be
It was a puppet from the beginning!!
Plotting your father's death was my job
but it was inevitable that the secret would leak out
!
Who's there!?
It's me

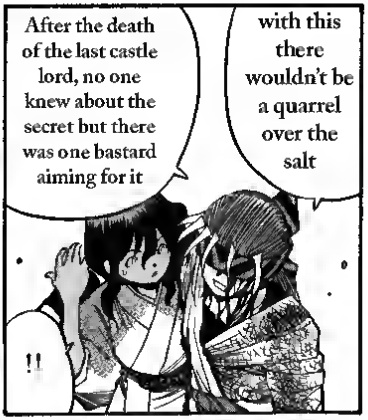
But you died inside the cabin
It was a puppet
What is going on!?
He is only being protected by two but the enemy have many of great strength.....
Besides that your father is in danger!!
You too are slightly aware of it
Your father wasn't originally a mariner
Please tell me everything that you know

Who else carried out that exact operation?
Why was your father's salt feilds doing what appeared to be a large scale construction of a castle?
About 20 years ago he was the one in charge among all the artisans constructing the southeast castle
is really the palace's carpenter, Tatsukichi
Your father, Momose Tatsugorou
As the chief he became the one in charge of the special construction on that castle
My father
a castle !?

But your father didn't want to be kill for the saftey of the const-urction's secret....
When the castle tower was occupied by the enemy army
and the whole thing came down in an instant, it was said
only one pillar was removed
luckily he was able to escape
Yeah
As the manager of the salf fields he was able to live 20 years in peace
Then Isono-ya got wind of it!!
and getting married to your mother also saved him
That was when he took refuge at the beach and became a mariner

so he came to me asking for me to plot his death.....
He didn't want any damage to come to your mother, you and the salt fields

!?
Maruko-bashi!!


After the death of the last castle lord, no one knew about the secret but there was one bastard aiming for it
with this there wouldn't be a quarrel over the salt
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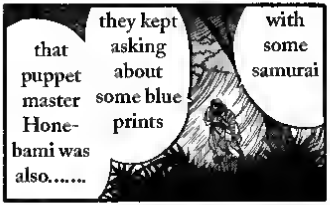
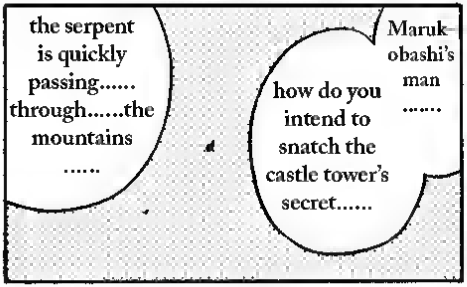

that puppet master Honebami was also.....
they kept asking about some blue prints
with some samurai


the serpent is quickly passing..... through.....the mountains .....
how do you intend to snatch the castle tower's secret.....
Maruko-obashi's man .....

Honebami.....

But what am I supposed to do.....
Your father is in danger .....
Kiku-hime and Otsuru .....
Hurry
W-Wait!!
Hurry
!?
Don't let the fire spread any further!!
NOW!!
H-hey .....
If that's the way it is, so be it!!
If his true identity is know, the title for the salt fields will never end
There's no point
Mountain warriors!! We can ask them for help!!

Shit .....
Haa Haa
I owed my life to you
I have too few loved ones.....
How did you surpass me, An-chan
How
I didn't want it to end like this
to be reunited with puppets .....
Get her!!
HORSE THIEF
!?

Come on!! Puppet Master!!

Hold on father!!

Wait!! Theif!!
Give it back!!

Who are you people
We're searching for the man named Momose Tatsugorou
We'd be grateful if you took off the priest's hood
!

Uwhaaa
We refuse
If you want to take it off, you'll have to.....
Auuu
O-Otsuru!!
That's enough!!

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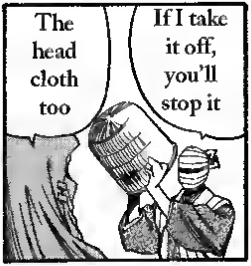

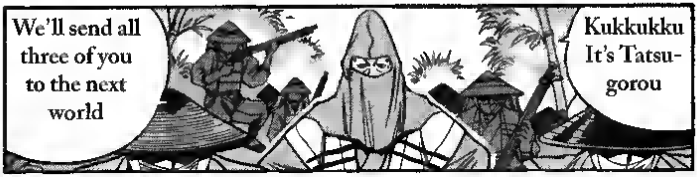

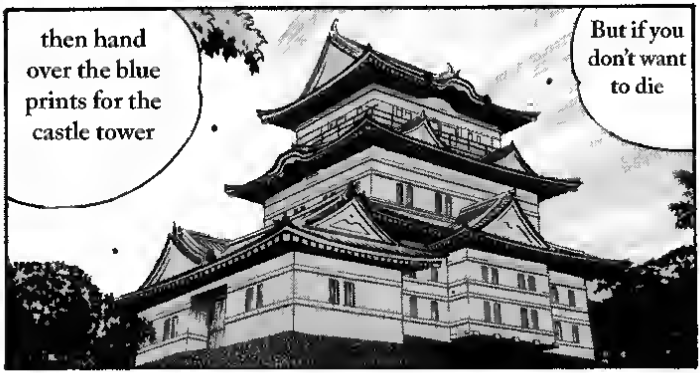

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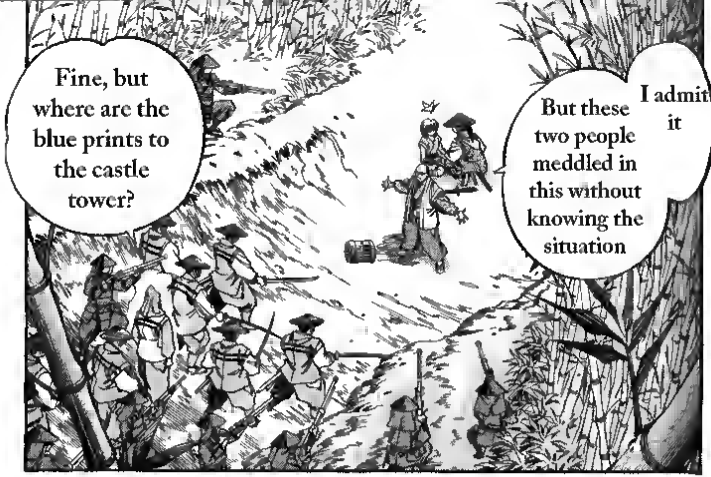
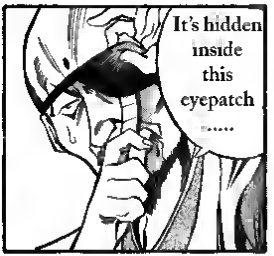

Fine, but where are the blue prints to the castle tower?
But these two people meddled in this without knowing the situation
I admit it

Yes
Do it


It's hidden inside this eyepatch
.....

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人形鬼話その七

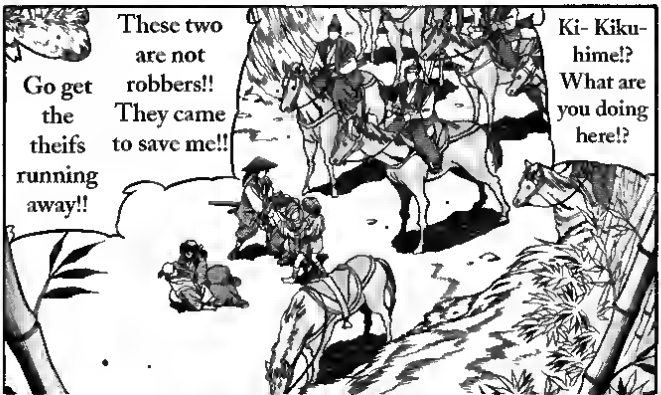
Father!!

!?

That's Momose's daughter
For your confir-mation
This is definitely the plans
Alright, kill them all .....
Horse thief!!
Return the horse!!

Let us leave without raising a battle
Draw back
The mountain brigade !!
Wha!?
Draw back
Draw back
Draw back

Are you okay? Otsuru Kiku-hime, ...
Genzou!
Father!!


Ki- Kiku-hime!? What are you doing here!?
These two are not robbers!! They came to save me!!
Go get the theifs running away!!

!?

Don't worry this brigade is the highest ranked, so they.....
I understand

!!

Yes
Everyone seize this man
Eeh who the hell is this guy!!

Eh!?
No!! Run .....
!?

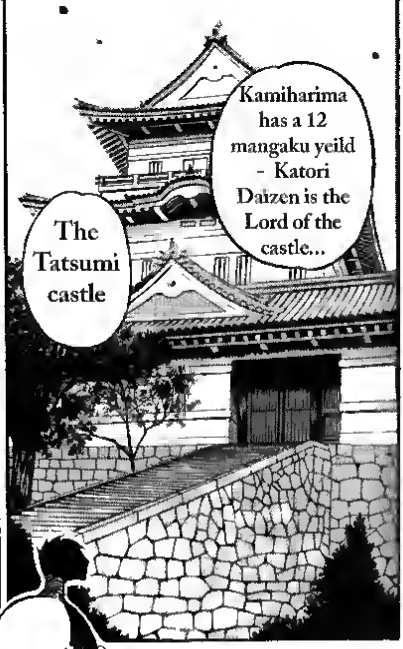
Gyaaaa

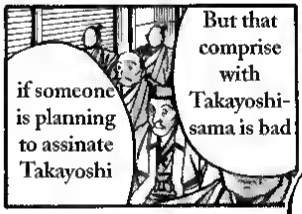
Gwaaa

Kuuuu

Uuu

The inheritor is the eldest son, Takayoshi-sama


Kamiharima has a 12 mangaku yeild - Katori Daizen is the Lord of the castle...
The Tatsumi castle


But that comprise with Takayoshi-sama is bad
if someone is planning to assinate Takayoshi

and that cheif retainer's post belongs to Marukobashi Gonza
it's said to be the next in line to succeed

and since we have no evidence, the Nagashima house will continue to suffer with the pressure of suspicion .....
Marukobashi is also friends with Tokugawa-dono

But will what will happen?
Tomorrow the ceremony for the successor will tak place at the tower.....

I think so
But Kikuhime are you sure this is the best option?
Hopefully Tatsugorou's body isn't too damaged to take action against this
By telling the Katori house the secret of the castle tower you think it will stop the succession?
Father!!
Hi-
Hime-sama .....
This doesn't seem like a good .....
!?
Hime-sama, this eyepatch .....
Are you awake, Tatsugorou?

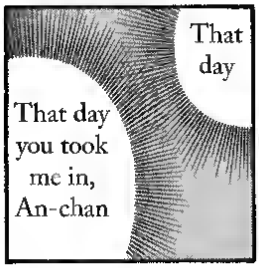
If you don't take out the pillar written on the underside of this eyepatch
the castle tower will not collapse
The one that was given to Marukobashi was the faulty one.
Please don't. I shouldn't be admired by another person
You did it, Tatsugorou!!
But I couldn't forgive you if you intended to die doing this
I'm fine
I've deceived everyone including my daughter
you should value your life
It's like your daughter said
You're right! I'm a fool!!
You're my father, you're the most important person to me
I don't care who you were!!

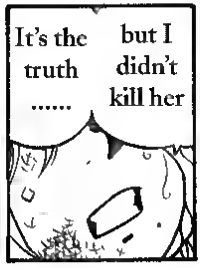
How's the condition of this fool, Otsuru?
There's many fools who don't value their life

Saki's death
the truth is, An-chan
the
It was all my fault .....

Not good
having night-mare
a big one

A-
An-chan .....

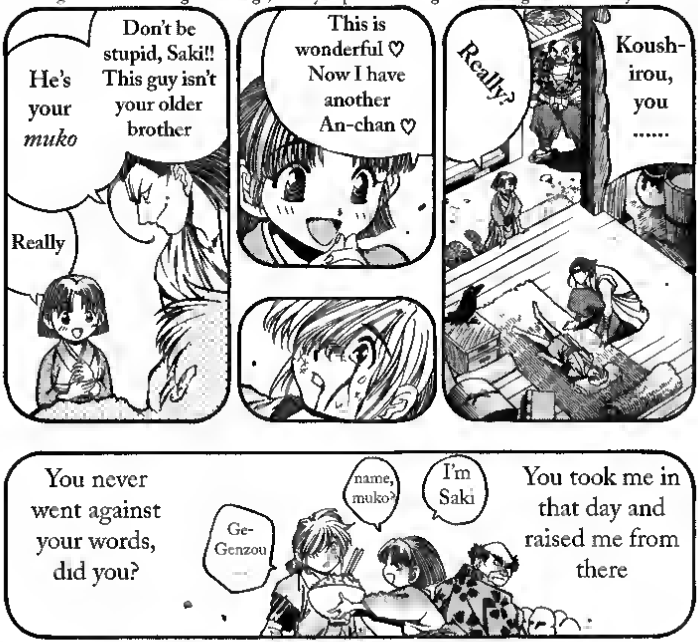

That day
That day you took me in, An-chan


but I didn't kill her
It's the truth .....

I never said I was glad about it

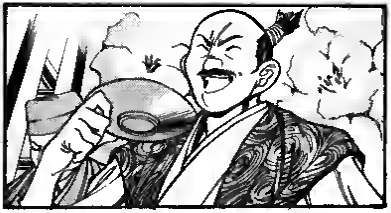
An-chan.....
You idiot son!! Where the hell where you loitering around all night!!
What can a youngin' like this do!!
If he works it off, it'll be fine
Fool!! We can't feed this boy to his hearts delight!!
It seems he was burned out of his village by war
Prepare a large meal for this little guy
Wha
make puppets
Sorry, but there is no way I could ever surpass your marks, father
however this kid will even surpass us Puppet Masters
I will raise myself in the world of samurais with my puppeteer skills

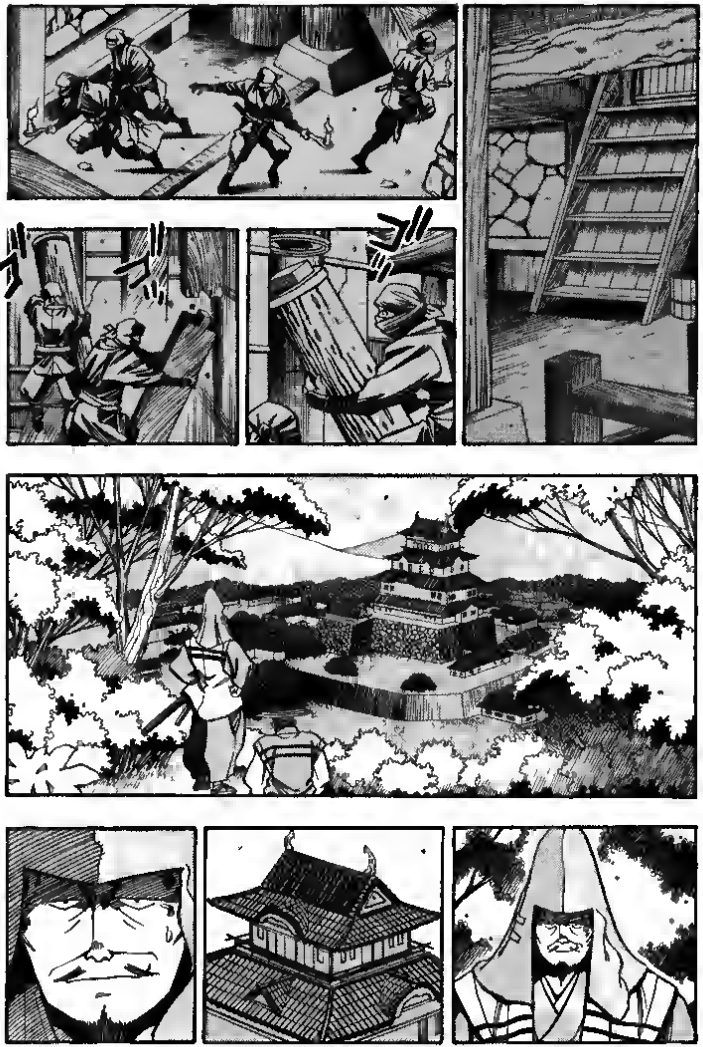
Muko the groom of the arranged marriage, usually implies that the groom is living with the family of the bride



Whether it's a mistake or not, I love it
Why did you break this one?
For the sake of repaying you, I did everything
I truly love it
because this puppet was made by you
You've kept your true to your word ever since
But repaying you gave hapiness to Saki which saved this dying boy

you have to believe me
It was my fault .....
Otsuru Protect Genzou care taker
O-Otsuru
Ki-Kiku-hime, where is she!?
Where the hell is Fuyu-dono?
They left Tatsumi castle to bring down Maru-kobashi
Wha!?
Can I really oppose him with a puppet.....
He wasn't after the cabin
what are you plan-ning
It's all my fault, Tsujimura-dono.....

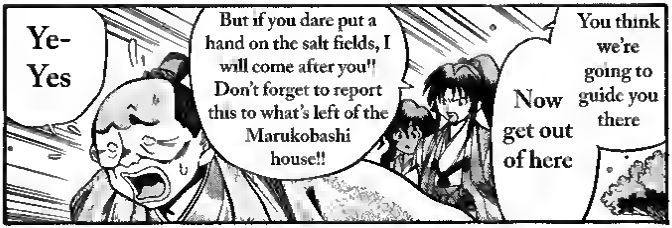




You can't destroy the tower
About that .....
Ooh~ Did you come with delicious sake and food?
Ma-Maru-kobashi-sama
You shouldn't have brought such strange people here!!
What!! Tatsugarou's daughter and the puppet master's friend
I'm Nagashima Kiku the present head of the Nagashima house
Shimoharima Kamikawa with a 32 mangoku
Th-That's .....
Hmm
It's Tatsugorou's eyepatch
If the pillar that is written on this isn't destroyed the the tower will not collapse
I've came to bring you a gift
Wha !?

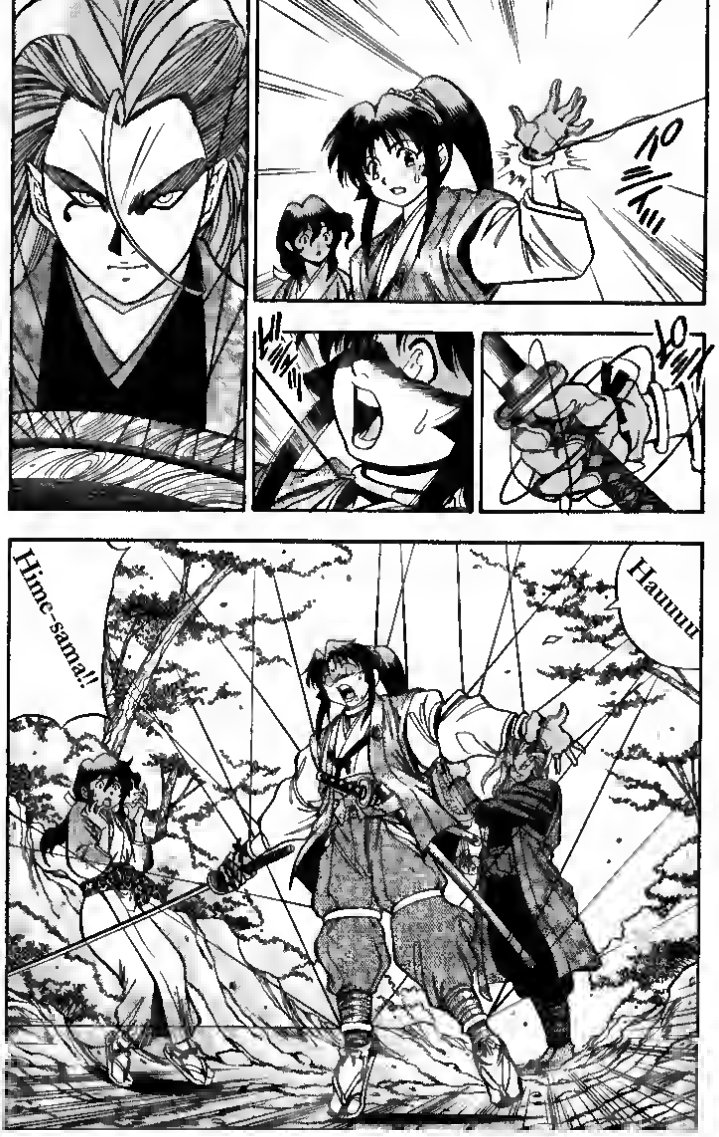
then it would be nice if your men possessed some strength
If you wish to blow up the tower and still be alive
hmph
Waryaaaa
Nuhooooo

Right now Marukobashi-dono should be presented to the succession ceremony
Isonoya!! You're the witness to this
He was the bandit that attacked me so therefor he was cut down!!
Ye-Yes


Ye-
Yes
But if you dare put a hand on the salt fields, I will come after you!! Don't forget to report this to what's left of the Marukobashi house!!
Now get out of here
You think we're going to guide you there

Thank you very much for everything you've done.....
It's fine. I should be getting plenty of thanks from Genzou
Save me~

Eh?
i dON't PItY HIM A BIt
Maybe he'll actually kiss me this time!! And then he'd be my servant of love!!


Himc-sama!!
Hauuuu

KAKKA KA
HOW ARE GOING tO dEAL WItH tHIS?
ALL YOUR LIMBS WERE OPEN. NOW i CAN USE YOUR dEAd FLESH tO KILL GNE ZOU

You can't do anything. He has no relationship with her
Nguuu
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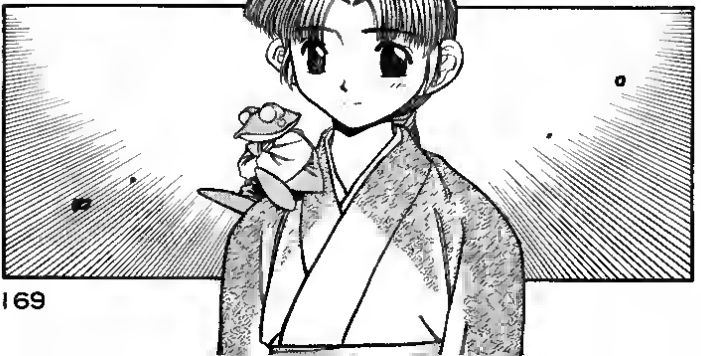


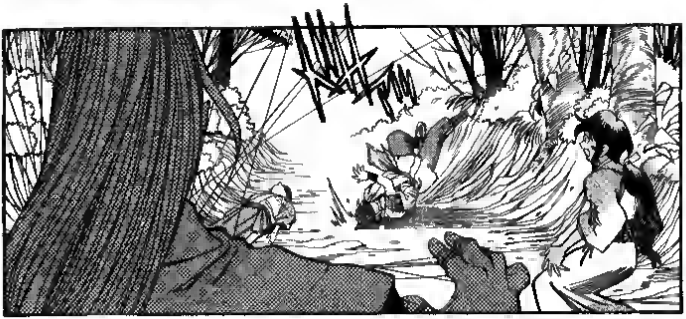
They should be used to comfort the weak
Saki .....

Puppets shouldn't be used for murder
Please stop this, An-chan

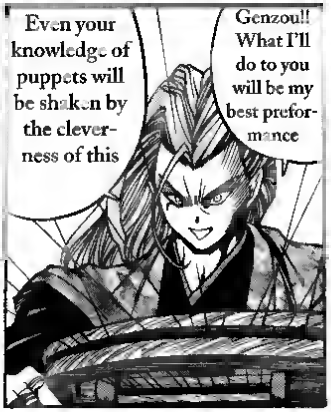
I want to be the one to heal everyone
but both the puppet maker and the people desire this
It's a feeble way to heal another person's heart

You, the nobles, the servants, the farmers,
Genzou, and An-chan
Eventhough you say you want to heal their hearts
what purpose do you do it for!?
Though this world is not filled with only the weak.....
Shut up
I wont allow you to mock Saki any further
Agumuuu

Damn it!!
Uwhaaaa



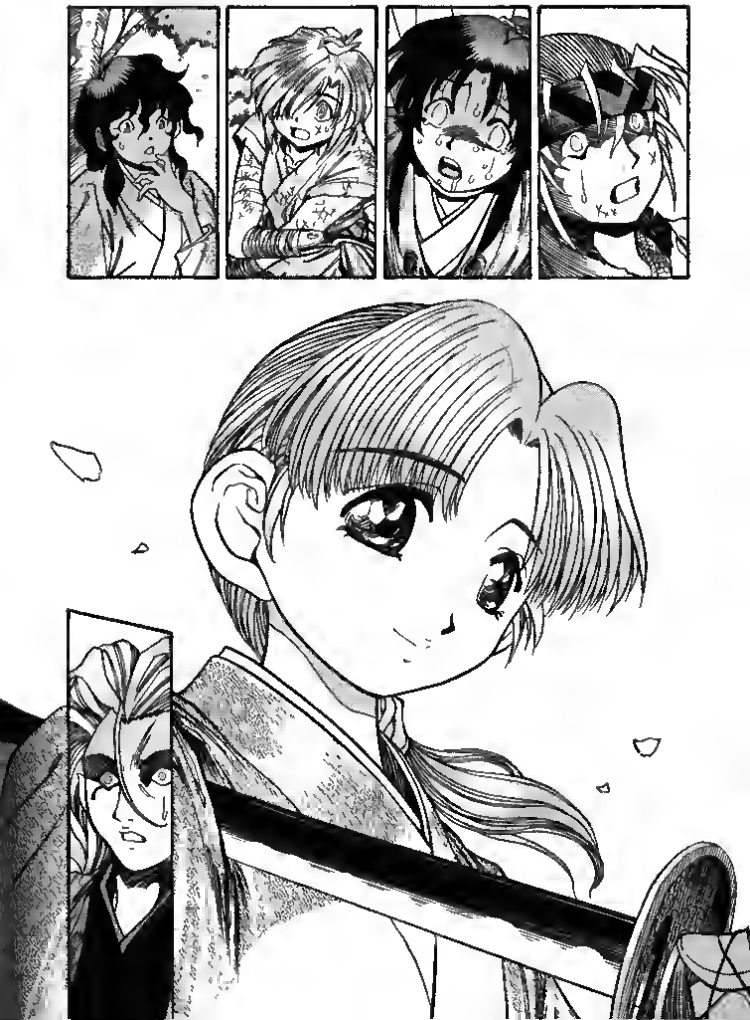
I.....
Please listen to me, An-chan


Even your knowledge of puppets will be shaken by the cleverness of this
Genzou!! What I'll do to you will be my best preformance

Saki will turn in her grave by this
Die Genzou !!

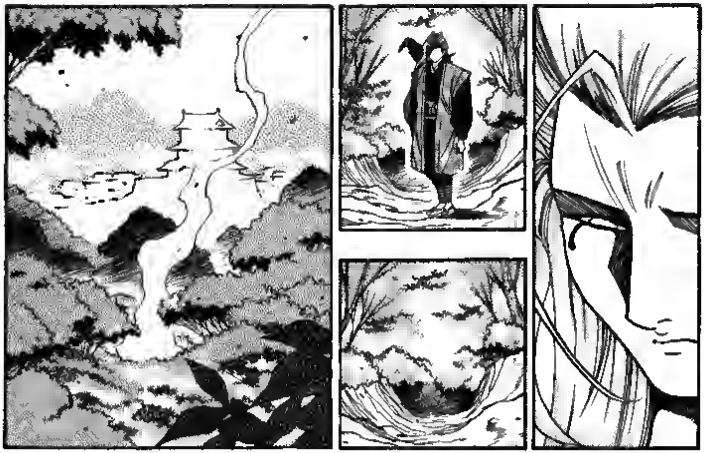
So you have no reason to kill me
As far as I know Saki didn't have any regrets in this world

Diiiieee
You killing me would only make Saki unhappy !!
This is over excessive.....
Shut up!! You let Saki die!!
You disgust me!!



Sakiii
Th-
this
can't
be!?
Saki!!
I...!!
even
without
me.....
You
can be
happy!!
I could
never rest
in peace if
your heart
isn't healed
It's about
time you
moved
on
!?
I was very
happy
together
with you
.....
I was
happy

happy
for
me
An-
chan
too
Please
be
No!!
Saki!!
Don't
go!!
Don't
leave me
here!!
Saki
Sakiii



As of now I don't know where or what I'm going to do
Before anyone knew An-chan was gone

I and .....
I voided the contract .....
Fuyu repayed for the puppet with her body but
as for his men they're presently dancing wild with delight
Tatsugorou went back to the fields

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